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At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the abovenamed Company duly convened and held at Sassoon House, Shanghai, on Tuesday, February 20, 1940, the following Extraordinary Resolution was duly passed:—

"THAT 494,351 shares of Shanghai Dockyards Limited, being part of the assets of this Company, be distributed to the holders of Ordinary Shares of this Company in specie, share for share and the Liquidators be and are hereby authorised to distribute such shares accordingly."

I. E. ROBERTS, A.C.A.
Chairman of the Meeting.

Shanghai, February 20, 1940.

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THE NEW ENGINEERING AND SHIPBUILDING WORKS LIMITED

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(IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)

NOTICE OF RETURN TO HOLDERS OF ORDINARY SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a first return of capital represented by the issue of one share of SHANGHAI DOCKYARDS LIMITED in exchange for each share of THE NEW ENGINEERING & SHIPBUILDING WORKS LTD. held, has been declared in this matter and is payable to members on the Company's share register as of November 21, 1939. The same may be received at our office on February 21, 1940, or on any subsequent working day thereafter.

Upon applying for the above, members must produce the ordinary share certificate (s) covering their holding in this Company, for surrender and cancellation, together with the Form of Receipt and Authority mailed on February 20, 1940, duly completed in all particulars.

I. E. ROBERTS, A.C.A.
T. D. DRYSDALE,
Liquidators.

323 Sassoon House, Shanghai,
February 20, 1940.

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By the courtesy of the Committee of the Country Club, applications for Starting-times may be placed in a box to be kept in the Hall of the Country Club. The box will be removed every Thursday morning at 8.30.

Applications may also be placed in the box in the Clubhouse before 7.30 a.m. on the Thursday; or sent to the Secretary in an envelope marked "Bookings" before 9 a.m.

K. M. CUMMING,
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES OF NATIVE PAPER

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Shanghai, February 20, 1940. 10944

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To-day's Events

FEBRUARY

21 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
21 *A. R. Margary murdered, Yunnan (1875)*
21 *Mr. Chen Loh assassinated, Shanghai (1939)*
21 *NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.*

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

22 Royal Society of St. George, annual general meeting, Shanghai Club, 5.30
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Cumshas'
22 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
23 Australian and New Zealand Society of Shanghai, annual general meeting
23 Rotary Club, American Club, 8.
23 For. Y. Gymnastic Championship, 8.45
23 A.D.C. "Lilac Time, Lyceum, 9
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 2.30
24 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
24 For. Y. Gymnastic Championship, 8.45
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
24 Portuguese Ladies Benevolent Society Concert, College Municipale, 9
24 Veglione di Mezzaquaresima, Casa d'Italia, ore 21.30
25 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
25 A.T.A. 'Dover Road,' aid of Jewish Ladies Benevolent Society Hospital Fund, S.J.S., 5.30.
25 'Tales of Hoffmann,' by Offenbach, Lyceum, 8.45
26 Grand Concert by Mme Denies, dramatic soprano, assisted by Municipal Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
27 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Education' by Dr. R. J. McMullen
27 Piano recital by Miss Wincia Tomaszewska, Polish pianist, Lyceum, 9.15
28 A.W.C. Concert, Mrs. Seidl-Margolinski, Mr. Warschauer, 9
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg. S.I.B.C., 3
29 Ranger Leap Yr. Din. Dance, A.W.C. 8
29 V. Valin's gala performance, 'Adieu Mimi,' Light Opera, Lyceum, 8.45

MARCH

2 'Adieu Mimi,' Light Op., Lyc., 8.45
3 'Adieu Mimi,' Light Op., Lyc., 8.45
5 "Liliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
6 B.U.S.C. Lecture: 'Ancient Chinese Poetry,' Miss M. H. Brown, 1371 Rue Lafayette, 8.45
6 "Liliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
7 Community Church Organ Concert, 9
7 "Liliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
8 United Services Assn. extraordinary general meeting and annual general meeting, Shanghai Club, 5.30
8 "Liliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
8 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
8 A.W.C. Song Recital. Irmgard Menzel, 9
8 Grand Charity Ball, Russian Ex-Servicemen, Cercle Sportif Français, 10
9 Oxford & Cambridge Soc. Dinner Masonic Hall
9 "Liliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
12 B.W.A. Jumble Sale, 9.30 a.m.
12 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. Beck and Swann, No. 17 The Bund, Shanghai, TO-DAY, February 21, 1940 at 4.45 p.m. when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31, 1939 will be presented to the Shareholders.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from February 14 to February 21, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Secretaries.

Shanghai, January 25, 1940.

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held To-morrow, February 22, 1940 at 5.30 p.m. at the Shanghai Club (by courtesy of the Committee).

C. A. MOMBER,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

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A Peace Plan :

Resettle The Rhine

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In November, 1918, after winning the war Marshal Foch insisted on keeping in the Allies' hands the left bank of the Rhine and the three bridge-heads of Cologne, Mayence and Coblenz. The line of the Rhine, said he, is a formidable barrier, very easy to defend even with a relatively small army, and with the bridge-heads in Allied hands, Germany would keep quiet and would not trouble the peace of Europe as she did so many times during the last 150 years.

Unhappily, Lloyd George, and even Clemenceau, then French Premier, did not agree with the Generalissimo. The greatest objection to Foch's proposal was that the left bank of the Rhine was German land and was inhabited by Germans.

The way Hitler acted lately with the Jews, the Poles, and even the Germans in Italy and in the Baltic States gave me the idea that it would be possible to realize Foch's proposal in Hitler's manner, but of course without making it as hard for the Germans as Hitler made it for the Jews, for instance.

In the midst of the German people there are people who are not German. Because they are not numerous enough, and because they are surrounded by Germans, they have never been and never will be free for a very long time.

The solution would be to remove the Czechs into the Rhineland and into the Ruhr basin and the Rhenans into Bohemia and Moravia. The Rhineland would also be a good place in which to settle the Jews whom Hitler wants to get rid of.

As an area, the Rhineland, the Ruhr basin, and the bridge-heads are certainly not larger than Bohemia and Moravia. The Ruhr and the Saar would replace the industrial regions of Czechoslovakia.

All the Germans, except the Jews and a maximum of 5 per cent. of the others, would be compelled to leave the Rhineland and to relinquish all their real estate—lands, houses, workshops and machinery—and would be indemnified by the German Government with the properties left in Czechoslovakia by the Czechs.

The inhabitants of Czechoslovakia would be free to leave their country and to go to Czecho-Rhineland; they would relinquish all their properties, which should be appraised by an international commission, as would be done for the properties released by the Germans in the Rhineland.

Because the Germans alone are responsible for the troubles that the Czechs and Jews have endured, the latter would receive an equivalent in properties of 125 to 150 per cent. of the value of the properties they have relinquished. Besides, the Czechs who have no properties and who wish to settle in the Rhineland, would receive an indemnity of about £50 per head. The difference in value of properties and the £50 indemnity should be paid by Germany.

The right to move into the new country of Czecho-Rhineland should be imparted to inhabitants of Austria and even to some Germans, the cases of which should be examined by a mixed commission of Czechs, French and Belgians, who are the three countries interested.

There should be given to the French and Belgian governments the right for 20 years to have garrisons in the bridge-heads, and along the Rhine a band of several kilometres should be state property and reserved for eventual construction of a line of defence. The Czecho-Rhineland should be a Franco-Belgian protectorate.

Of course, this idea of a new order in Europe, as our Japanese friends would say, is not immutable and could be improved, but it seems to be a good basis for a just and durable peace.

ALPH. E. HUBERT.

Linsi, Feb. 12.

High Prices :

A Reply to Quo Vadis

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I reply to QUO VADIS's letter published in your paper on Saturday, with reference to meat which is sold in the French Concession. A friend of mine, member of the French Public Health Department, to whom I spoke about QUO VADIS's "experience," was not interested, since there is not a single statement in the above letter which can be substantiated. It seems to me that QUO VADIS has exaggerated and is reprehensible in patronizing "neighbouring shops" kept by unscrupulous merchants. I am told that in his capacity of resident he has neglected to telephone or inform in some way the Health Department thus shielding the culprits.

The municipal employee mentioned above made it clear that a public service is unable to do everything and be everywhere at the same moment. Any information from residents is always appreciated by the Public Health Department, I am told, and from explanation kindly given to me, I am satisfied to know that food shops and markets are inspected when residents, without excepting QUO VADIS, are still in bed.

To buy horse cutlets believing them to be veal cutlets is indeed a sign of extreme foolishness, but since when, may I ask, is horse meat sold in the French Concession? It must be very exceptional.

ALTER ECO.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.

The Need for Action

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Now is the time for the S.M.C. to restrict the price of commodities prevailing at Shanghai. Most people in this city have been robbed of their means to live. And in subsequent months, the police will certainly try to stop them from robbery with severe retribution. Why not save the poor multitude by rightfully punishing the high class buccaneers? In this matter, lame excuse and half done work are not enough. Whole-hearted action is now wanted.

HAND TO MOUTH.

Shanghai, Feb. 17.

Bag-Snatchers :

A Victim's Warning

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I had a very bad shock on Sunday night at 7.40 whilst walking home. On the corner of Bubbling Well and Ferry Roads a hand bag-snatcher tried to snatch my handbag from me. Let it be a warning to other ladies to hold their handbags very tightly.

S. D.

Shanghai, Feb. 19.

Shanghai's Beggars :

A Reader Wants Action

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I think that M. S. H. is quite right in his letter published in your today's paper with regard to beggars. The matter needs to be approached from a completely different angle than that of feeding them on the streets, as it seems to me their numbers will simply increase by that method; and as for feeding the children who are left out on these freezing cold nights, does this not tempt the parents or the "exploiters" of these little children to turn out more and more for free meals?

Far better would it be if some benevolent society like the Salvation Army could tackle the job of eradicating the beggars altogether. I realize this would be a tremendous work, but I am sure everyone who could would lend their support and, according to M.S.H., it has been done in another large Oriental city.

On any occasion when I have raised this question with people in the past by asking how it was that there were no beggars in Japan, they always say, "Oh, there is no law against begging in China and the S.M.C. are therefore powerless." I wonder how hard the S.M.C. have tried to change this law within the bounds of the Settlement? Surely it would not be so hard to persuade the Chinese Government to allow this matter to be dealt with in a decent way?

E. F. G.

Shanghai, Feb. 20.

The A.D.C.—"Lilac Time"

Armed Criminals Kill Six Policemen During Year

S.M.P. Annual Report Shows Perilous Duties ; Bravery Medals ; Foreigners Under Strength

MAJOR K. M. Bourme, M.C., Commissioner of Police, has submitted his Annual Report to the Shanghai Municipal Council. It has been summarized in three articles, the first of which is attached.

Six Chinese members of the Force, one detective constable and five constables, were killed in the execution of their duty by armed criminals during 1939.

Three Chinese constables were awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, Class I, for exceptional bravery and devotion to duty; one foreign sub-inspector, one foreign sergeant, three foreign probationary sergeants, one Indian constable, one Chinese sergeant, fifteen Chinese constables and one Chinese detective constable were awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal, Class II.

Long Service Medals were awarded during the year, and distributed amongst Branches as follows:—Specials 13, Foreigners 12, Sikhs 29, and Chinese 23.

Many Killed or Wounded

During the year the Police took part in 73 encounters with armed persons in which shots were exchanged. The casualties in the Police Force were 6 killed and 14 wounded Altogether 629 shots were fired by the Police and 369 by armed persons. Fourteen armed persons were shot dead and 14 were wounded.

On May 1, 1939, the designations Foreign Branch and Japanese Branch were altered to Foreign Branch (Section I) and Foreign Branch (Section II) respectively.

At the close of the year the number on the register of watchmen under Police supervision was as follows:—Russians 138, Indians 293, and Chinese 3,832.

No difficulty was experienced in obtaining suitable recruits, and the general standard of recruit has been fully maintained. The Foreign Branch is under strength and as far as possible vacancies will be filled by local recruitment. Altogether 469 recruits were trained and posted for duty during the year. They comprised 35 Foreigners Section I, 48 Section II, 36 Sikhs and 350 Chinese. The whole of the Foreigners Section I joining the Force were recruited locally. Refresher courses for Chinese Constables in traffic control, police duties and drill, were carried out continuously throughout the year.

The standard of discipline was satisfactory and the general bearing and conduct of members of all Branches of the Force was excellent.

The health of the majority of the Force is satisfactory. The average percentage of sickness per diem was:—Foreign Branch (Section I) 2.92, Foreign Branch (Section II) 8.23, Sikh Branch 2.31, and Chinese Branch 1.77 as against 3.41, 7.15, 2.54 and 1.72 respectively in 1938.

During the year a total of 4,717 Police weapons were overhauled in the Police Armoury at little cost and all weapons are in effective condition; 152 Police weapons were used in shooting affrays during the year. Of the 354 bullet proof vests on charge, 116 were reconstructed and 101 overhauled or repaired. Of the 80 bullet proof shields on charge, 19 were overhauled.

Use of "Tommy" Gun

During the year 405 Foreigners Section I and 31 Section II were trained in the use of the Thompson sub-machine gun, and 450 Police and Warder recruits and 186 Police Watchmen were trained in the use of the automatic pistol, revolver or carbine. The total number of practices fired by the various Branches of the Force, including Police Watchmen, was 9,082, during which 163,018 rounds of ammunition of various calibres were expended. The usual high standard of marksmanship has been maintained throughout the year.

Reserve Unit.—The Reserve Unit turned out to 3 scenes of bombing, 10 armed robberies, 7 shooting affrays, 2 Rice Riots, 1 "Go-slow" Strike Riot and on 4 occasions to assist District Police in raiding various clubs. In addition the Unit "stood by" on 9 occasions, carried out 471 "Tip and Run" searches, 506 "Fixed Posts" searches, 152 Mobile Patrols and 53 searches inside a cordon formed by members of the Russian Regiment, S.V.C., supplied 143 mobile escorts, and 597 guards. Assistance was rendered to various Police Districts and the Ricsha Inspection Depot on 161 occasions. The high standard of efficiency of the Unit has been fully maintained.

Mounted Police.—There were 6 horses and 41 ponies on charge at the end of the year. Six presentations were made by residents during the year.

Specials.—The strength at the close of the year was 475. 19 men were enlisted and 51 men resigned during the year. Two pistol shoots for all ranks were held during the year with good results. The Specials were on duty for all Anniversary and Emergency Duties throughout the year. A high standard of efficiency has been maintained. Long Service Medals were awarded to 13 men, and one Bar.

Sing Song Houses.—A total of 4,617 Sing Song House Licences were issued during the year.

"Girl Guide" Problem

Girl Guide Bureaux.—As from January 1, 1939, an amendment was made to Hotel and Lodging House Licences prohibiting Girl Guide Bureaux to operate from such premises. Although this amendment brought about a great improvement in the number of such establishments, many continue to operate in disregard of the police warning. Fifty-one raids were made during the year resulting in the arrest of 90 keepers, 118 assistants and 265 entertainers, all of whom were charged in Court.

Brothels and Street Solicitations.—One hundred and seventy six raids were made on brothels resulting in the arrest of 70 keepers, 65 chief tenants and 1,586 persons for aiding and abetting, all of whom were charged in Court; 4,844 arrests were made for street soliciting. Forty-five cases of criminal offences relating to prostitution and cruelty were investigated, resulting in 117 arrests and the rescue of 71 victims.

Registration of Missing Children.—The registration of missing children was commenced on January 13, 1939, as it was found that the centralizing of reports in regard to these children facilitated their location and return, and in many cases resulted in the apprehension of persons responsible for committing criminal offences. Altogether 1,402 children were reported missing and 773 were found; 18 persons were arrested in connection with these cases, 16 of whom were charged with abduction, 1 with maltreatment and 1 with cruelty.

Home for Beggars

Beggars.—Little improvement can be effected until some Home is provided for the assistance of unfortunates found begging and the detention of professional beggars. Accommodation made available at 230 North Fokien Road, on December 25, was filled to capacity in a week. On July 15, 1939, authority was obtained to place in the Shanghai Refugee Babies' Nursery Chinese children of 5 years and under, who were being exploited by beggars and were undernourished or illtreated. As a result of Police action nine such children of both sexes were sent to the Nursery. The result was most satisfactory and a decided improvement has been noted on the roads.

"Look See" Car Touts.—With effect from September 1, 1939, accommodation was made available at the Home for Beggar Children, 190 Ningpo Road, for boys between the ages of 6 to 14 years and by the end of the year a total of 41 "look see" car and beggar boys had been placed in this Home.

Stray and Abandoned Children.—The present situation in and around Shanghai shows a deplorable condition in regard to stray and abandoned children. Every effort has been made to locate relatives of these children and it has definitely been proven that they are unwanted.

A total of 203 such children were placed in Homes during the year.

Nazi Germany and Red Russia Like Two Peas

London, Feb. 19.

The "Washington Post" on Saturday wrote: "Anti-Communism has proved merely to be a cloak without basic meaning or substance," states a special commentary issued here today. "Indeed today, there is extremely little to distinguish Nazi Germany and Communist Russia. They are like two peas in the pod. It is no longer Communism, but capitalism which the Nazis regard as the real enemy. Germany and Russia now speak with one voice in the realm of ideology," the "Washington Post" concluded, according to the commentary.—Reuter.

Many Book Seats For "Liliom" Shows

Prizes Exhibited at Moutrie's Today

The interest shown in the forthcoming five performances of "Liliom" is borne out by the fact that in Monday, the first day on which reservations were accepted by Moutrie's, over 500 seats were booked, although the gala opening performance is only taking place in 13 days. As will be recalled, the performances are being held in aid of the Friends of Finland Fund and the British Ambassador, the French Ambassador, the Finnish Chargé d'Affaires and the Polish Chargé d'Affaires have kindly consented to act as patrons.

From this morning, the many handsome prizes presented by various firms for the raffle which is to be held in connection with the numbered programmes are being exhibited in the windows of Moutrie & Co., Ltd., Nanking Road.

The committee has further made the necessary arrangements to have music provided in the first floor lounge before the rise of the curtain at each performance.

March 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are not only red-letter days to all those interested in dramatics but many large dinner parties are being given in connection with the performances which, it must be pointed out, will commence at 9 p.m. sharp due to the length of the play.

A group of ladies are now busily engaged in having the required costumes made, great emphasis being laid also on minor details in order to make the "Liliom" performances something to be remembered.

Control Regulations Defied

20,000 Transactions Come To Government's Notice

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Over 200,000 transactions infringing the Government regulations controlling prices, rents, wages and the use and sale of materials and commodities came to the notice of the police in Tokyo alone during the past 17 months, according to an official report. Only 2,219, however, resulted in convictions and jail sentences, it is revealed. In all the other cases, the persons involved were released after being severely reprimanded.

Illegal dealings soared last year to seven times the total for 1938. On September 18, 1939, a Government ordinance fixed control prices for staple legislation achieving a record.

Numerous control regulations were promulgated in August, 1938, affecting commodity prices and transactions in such materials as rubber, leather, cotton, woollen and silk textiles, iron, copper, gasoline and lumber.

During the last five months of 1938, only 28,000 violations were brought to light. During the same period last year, however, 148,000 cases were docketed. During October alone, there were 68,900 violations of commodity price regulations, nearly two and a half times the number of violations, on all counts, for 1938.

Aside from prices, illegal trafficking in fuel accounted for the greatest number of violations, followed by shady dealing in iron and non-ferrous metals.—Reuter.

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Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF FEBRUARY 21, 1870

We have Tientsin letters to January 30. Our correspondent mentions a report that the Chunghow is said to view the introduction of road steamers with favour, and that it is not unlikely one may be allowed to ply, some day. The project of a railway from Tientsin to Chaitang has also come up again for discussion.

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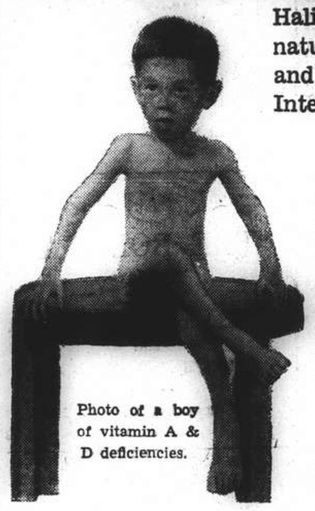

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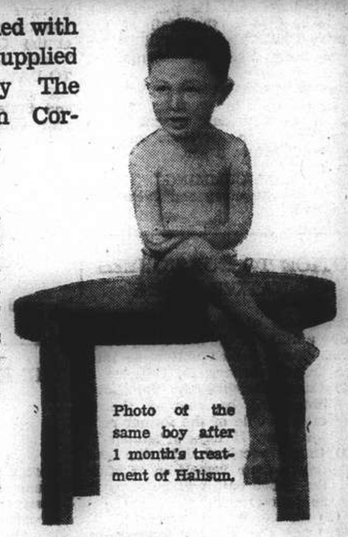

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Serious Fighting In Kwangsi

Both Commands Rushing Reinforcements; Flank Turned on Wat River

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Somewhere in Si., Jan. 30.

For several weeks after the fall of Nanning there was serious fighting along the two fronts leading to Wuming to the north and to Pingyang to the northeast. Finally a stalemate was reached when neither side made any progress. Each seemed to realize that their forces and equipment were not sufficient to break through the iron ring with which the opposing side had surrounded itself. Reinforcements were called for and during the past few weeks there has been feverish military activity over a wide area. Both sides have been rushing troops to strategic points. Big guns have been put in position to guard important roads and military equipment has been rushed to the front.

It is said that there are 60,000 Japanese troops in the Nanning area alone and others are stationed along roads leading to interior Kwangsi. It seems evident that Japan is going to make another determined attempt to penetrate deeper and it is thought that Liuchow and possibly Kweilin may be their objectives.

But while the Japanese have been rushing reinforcements the Chinese have not been inactive. Every highway leading in the direction of Nanning has resounded with the tread of armed forces marching forward to meet the foe. By road and river they are being sent to join in possibly the greatest battle that Kwangsi has ever seen, with the plains of Pingyang as the battle field.

Wingshun Captured

Jan. 31.

It is reported that the fighting which hourly has been expected to begin is already under way. Reliable reports state that the Japanese expeditionary forces which were recently transferred to the Kwangsi fighting area reached the southern bank of the Wat river several days ago and marched on Wingshun. After several unsuccessful attempts to take the city finally yesterday morning. at 4.30 a cavalry regiment supported by light artillery entered.

On the Nanning-Pangyeung highway serious fighting is taking place for the possession of the important Kuenlun pass which guards the way to the plains of Panygleung some ten miles farther on. Capture of this strategic pass would make the drive on Pangyeung comparatively easy. The pass, however, is still in the hands of the Chinese forces who are defending it with energy and determination. Their machine guns placed in every conceivable position round the surrounding hillsides bark in angry defiance every time an assult is attempted.

Members of the high Chinese command, it is said, are now near enough to the fighting lines to direct operation and there is every indication that the most serious battles of the war thus far fought in South China will be soon staged on this front.

Hongkong Becomes Big Industrial Centre

Goods Manufactured for Export to South Ports

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hongkong, Feb. 14.

The war in China has the effect of turning Hongkong apart from being a leading seaport into an industrial city as was seen by the native goods at the Exhibition of industrial Products, which has just come to a successful close. Many people who visited the Exhibition were much impressed by the great strides made by many factories in Hongkong, all of which are owned, managed and operated by Chinese with native capital. The products seen at the Exhibition include bicycles, electrical goods, piece-goods, cosmetics, lacquer, edibles, canned goods, electric flashlights, rubber goods, gas masks and tin helmets.

Some of the goods were manufactured in Shanghai. These include electric fans, electric heaters, cotton goods, gourmet powder, tinned food, silk and Bakerite products. Some Shanghai factories have opened branches here and the same is true of factories in Swatow and canton.

Locally-Made Bicycles

For the first time bicycles are manufactured in a Kowloon factory. The machine is modelled after British patterns and looks like one imported from Birmingham or Coventry. The entire bicycle is made locally except the tyres, which are imported from Great Britain. As there are rubber factories in Hongkong, the factory expects to turn out bicycle tyres in the near future. It is expected that these machines will be in good demand in China, as they are cheaper than one made in England.

The local machine is slightly more expensive than those made in Japan but is more durable. A special model, made for the Chinese army, can be dismantled and carried by a soldier over mountains or shallow streams.

Industrial enterprises in Hongkong are likely to prosper because of several factors—raw materials from foreign countries are cheaper than anywhere in China, as Hongkong is a free port. The Hongkong dollar is higher than the Chinese dollar but lower than the currencies of Malaya, Java, the Philippines and Indo-China, to which manufactured goods may be exported.

These manufactured goods can be classified as Empire products and are entitled to preferential treatment as regards tariffs, but they are considered as foreign goods anywhere in China. Another advantage is that as no labour problem exists foreign goods anywhere in China. Another advantage is that no labour problem exists here at present, while it is easier to import machinery from many parts of the world than anywhere in China proper.

MR. S. G. Hobson, Socialist lecturer and writer who started Guild Socialism, died on January 4 at his home at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, at the age of 72. Mr. Hobson was a foundation member of the Independent Labour Party, private secretary to Keir Hardie and twice a Parliamentary candidate. In 1938 he was entertained at the National Trade Union Club to mark the 50th anniversary of his first speech for Labour, made at Cardiff.

Mr. Winston Churchill in France

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, chatting with General Georges in France when he made a recent visit during which he was present at the decorating of Lord Gort, British Commander-in-Chief, and General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief-of-Staff.

Life in Occupied Kiangsu

People Often Pay Taxes Twice; Tortured to Force Confessions for Imaginary Crimes

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THE condition of the people in Kiangsu and neighbouring provinces cannot be adequately described nor can it be imagined by any one who has not actually seen such suffering. Perhaps it is true in all wars, that non-combatants are the chief sufferers; but this is all the more true in the present "incident," in China, because of the indiscriminate use of aeroplane bombs, and the cruelty of the armies on both sides.

When the Japanese armies came and captured any Kiangsu district, of course all Chinese officials were driven out of the cities, and their organization was disarranged, so that they were not able to protect the people, or take effective action against the bandits. The Japanese themselves have not make any serious effort to stop the bandits from robbing and kidnapping the civilians.

In fact, they have not been able to pay much attention to the bandits except when the latter have become sufficiently numerous to constitute an annoyance to the Japanese themselves. Of course it would be impossible for the Japanese to police the rural districts effectively unless their forces were increased to several times the present numbers.

The situation in Kiangsu is similar to that reported from other parts of the occupied areas. The Japanese hold the cities and some of the larger towns, but in the rural parts of nearly every county may be found a more or less complete set of Chinese officials, appointed by the Central Government.

Double Collection of Taxes

Both sets of officials collect taxes wherever possible. In some cases, the taxes may overlap to some extent. Even where they do not overlap, the rates have been largely increased, because each set of officials must operate within a restricted realm. Of course, it requires more money to feed, clothe and amuse two sets of officials than one. In some counties, it is reported that the Chinese officials in connection with the Central Government are collecting more money than they are using locally. The surplus is to be reported, and eventually remitted to the higher officials.

Needless to say, the relations existing between the two sets of officials are not at all cordial. A favourite diversion, of either party is to capture and kill the petty officials of the other party. If carried to an extreme, such a programme is likely to cause hard feeling among old friends and neighbours. In some places, however, this danger is avoided by means of a gentleman's agreement between the Chinese soldiers of the two sides, so that each manages to keep out of the other's way.

Faint Demarcation

The demarcation, between guerillas and bandits is very faint, and sometimes invisible. Most of the bandits call themselves guerillas, and claim to be very patriotic. When they capture a victim, they usually accuse him of being a traitor, in league with the Japanese. This accusation is utterly groundless in at least 999 cases out of 1,000.

On the other hand many men who really are spies, paid by the Japanese go all over the country with impunity. Only a few of them are caught by guerillas. In some districts, most of the guerillas are former bandits, who say they have reformed. The reformation is largely imaginary, the bandits may have changed their garments, but not their hearts or their habits. They still rob, kidnap and murder the helpless people.

It is sad to reflect that such a large portion of the distress of the people is inflicted upon them by unworthy members of their own race. The guerillas often say they have not enough ammunition to make an effective attack on the Japanese invaders. If they would not waste so much ammunition on their own fellow countrymen, the supply might be sufficient for military purposes.

In many cases, kidnapped persons are tortured, to make them tell where their alleged money is hidden, or to hasten the payment of ransom. In some districts, it has been customary to roast the victims in big kettles, without water, until the flesh falls from the bones. Chinese inhumanity to Chinese makes countless thousands mourn.

Japanese Maltreatment

Chinese who fall into the hands of Japanese officials are severely maltreated. Thousands of persons have been arrested by Japanese or their agents, merely on suspicion. In most cases, even the victim does not know the charges, if any, laid against him. He is tortured by being beaten, or partly "drowned" and resuscitated, to force him to confess something or other.

Meanwhile, he is held absolutely incommunicado, except for stray bits of news which may leak out through local Chinese coolies employed about the premises. It is only fair to say that most of the torture is inflicted by lower Japanese officers, Koreans or Chinese from Manchoukuo. Some of the higher Japanese officers question their prisoners without torture, but of course all torture is carried out by order or consent of the higher officers.

On the whole, Japanese have the reputation of being among the world's poorest linguists, and the Japanese officers and soldiers in China uphold this reputation. Practically none of them can successfully converse in Chinese, so they, and the Chinese who come into contact with them, are at the mercy and caprice of interpreters. This system puts great power into the hands of the interpreters, most of whom are Chinese or Koreans. Some of the Koreans having lived many years in Manchoukuo speak Chinese quite fluently. Some of the interpreters seem to do their work well, while others are careless, ill tempered, or vicious.

Anonymous Accusations

A local Chinese may come under suspicion in any one of several ways. His personal enemies may secretly accuse him. In some cities boxes similar to mail boxes are provided, into which anonymous accusations may be dropped. A person may be accused, or threatened with accustion, merely as a means of blackmail and extortion. Chinese may accuse some one, not because there is any ground for suspicion, but in order to improve their own standing with their superior officers, thus paving the way for continued employment, or possibly a raise in salary.

In some places, the Japanese demand certain quantities of wheat, corn, beans and firewood to be supplied by the local people. The officials, divide out the amount of goods wanted, according to the districts and townships which happen to be under their control. Each family is forced to send in a certain quantity of grain, for instance. The grain is measured or weighed and delivered to the Japanese warehouse. The Japanese usually pay for it, at a rate lower than the market price.

Iniquitous Manipulation Agents

They pay the money, however, to the Chinese officials of the county, who take out their portion and distribute the remainder to lower ranks. These likewise take out their portion, and so on down the line. By the time the money is supposed to reach the people who furnished the grain, there is nothing left for them. So far as known, no farmer has ever yet received any money for his grain or fuel, when handled in this way.

Needless to say, most of these officials are men of low character, who are robbing their fellow countrymen to get money to provide themselves with opium, heroin, girls and other forms of amusement wherewith they beguile the days and nights. If the Japanese ever leave this part of the country, their life of luxury will be ended, so they would best enjoy life while they can. On the whole, the picture is a dark one, with no hope of improvement so long as the present régime continues.

London Letter

News and Notes from Home

German Threat of March Offensive; Reich's 100 Plane Daily Production?

BY O. M. GREEN

(Editor "North-China Daily News," 1911-1930)

London, Jan. 28.

THE German wireless announcement that the pocket battleship Deutschland has got back from her over-sea duties and that her name is to be given to the new 40,000 ton ship launched, or presently to be, has caused much excitement in naval circles. There is strong suspicion that in reality the Deutschland is either sunk or so badly injured that she will not be serviceable for a long time.

We know that in December H.M.S. submarine Salmon torpedoed a large German man-of-war and when she returned to the spot soon afterwards she found the sea thickly coated with oil for some four square miles. May this have been the Deutschland? We also know that in the last war the names of disabled German ships were transferred to new ones. Anyway, it is dead against all the ethics and superstitions of the sea to take the name of a living ship and give it to another one.

Hitler has been at it again during the week-end. Elaborate accounts have been reaching us through the usual receptive neutrals, of the appalling offensive which will be launched at us in March. Part of it is to consist of a fleet of aircraft carriers to wipe our shipping out of existence.

It is also reported that Germany is producing 100 aeroplanes a day and already has thousands stored in secret underground hangars. And I daresay you have had, by cable, the story of Hitler's secret gas which is to put us all to sleep for a fortnight, after which we shall wake up to find the Germans in possession of England. It is said that numbers of trustful Germans really believe it.

Quite likely the Germans have some new beastliness up their sleeves. The murderous fashion in which they machine-gun crews of neutrals and fishing trawlers when they take to their boats is further proof that they will stick at nothing. The magnetic mine was alarming at first. But how soon we got the better of it is seen in the shipping returns. Yesterday the papers were reporting, evidently with official permission, that we have a new and secret type of mine of a most deadly description, which we have been laying all the way from the Straits of Dover to the Shetlands. But, unlike the Germans, we do not scatter them broadcast, but carefully steer the neutrals among them. Meanwhile Hitler's ugly faces do not impress us at all.

Blackout Controversy

The controversy over the blackout continues. Not much has yet been seen of Sir John Anderson's glow worm street-lights—some say that nothing could be seen of them, averring that they give no more light than a single candle 70 ft. away. Only a few London boroughs have yet installed them, the majority apparently do not think them worth the expense. Anti-blackout papers tell us that "the provinces are far ahead of London in lighting." I cannot speak from experience. But a week ago a friend of mine tried to motor through Bristol after dark, not knowing the way, and it took him an hour and a half. And Bristol is surely far enough west to allow itself some risks.

Another friend was in Dublin this week and said it was delightful to move about in brilliantly-lighted streets. But on the borders of Eire and Ulster, in one town where the frontier runs through the middle, he said the effect was grotesque, on one side lights full on, on the other total darkness. Quite like Pharaoh pursuing after the children of Israel.

What has convinced most people is the statement published last week of the observations of airmen patrolling over London at night. Already they say, London shows much more light than it should. Many windows backing on to railways show a lot of light and motor car lamps, feeble as they seem to us throw up a surprising amount of reflection. New, more stringent orders have now been issued about these lamps ind the speed is curtailed to 20 m.p.h. in burnt-up areas. In today's papers it is stated that "jay-walkers" are to be prosecuted. I hope that is true. The other night driving home from the station I missed a pedestrian by inches, he was walking well out in the road though there is a good footpath, and was quite invisible till I was on him.

Oxford-Cambridge Race

Pictures are published of Oxford crews beginning practice for the unofficial race with Cambridge which is to be rowed at Henley on March 2. The distance for some unexplained reason is to be 1½ miles, although a very good three miles could be rowed between Marsh and Hambledon locks. Further up, between Cleeve and Benson locks, a distance of over six miles, a full Putney-Mortlake course is easily available, very broad and practically dead straight, magnificent for rowing deadly full for pleasure folk. It always seems on this reach to be blazing hot or pouring with rain; at least that is my experience on several trips, and there is not a scrap of shade.

The amazing thing is the amount of football which has been played in spite of the iron-hard state of the ground. The frost has lasted practically unbroken since December 21—25 degrees of frost have been a commonplace in London, much more round about. Stretches of the Thames have been frozen over hard. The night before last and part of yesterday there was a thaw and several hours heavy rain. The water could not soak into the frozen ground and our placid little brook the Bourne (which ordinarily you could step across) became a raging river 20 ft. wide and five or six feet deep. Last night bang went the temperature down again and it snowed heavily. Roads today are fearsome.

Eton Character Dies

A very well-known character of Eton passed away on Friday at the age of 87, Solomon by name (though he was really Harris) who for 60 years had ironed the top hats of Etonians. He was the third Solomon of his line and a miracle for restoring battered hats to wearable shape and of discretion in making no comment on their ruin. He wore the peaked paper cap of his calling, and in 1926 his portrait, painted by an old Etonian, was in the Academy.

I see it stated that there is an economy move at Eton, the practice of expensive heaving presents to masters is discouraged and orders on "sock" (tuck) shops are prohibited. "Peterborough" of the "Daily Telegraph" says that parents may be asked to buy made up white ties for their boys instead of orthodox ties, ready-made clothes instead of dressing their sons at the Eton tailors whose skill has made "the old-world, indeed historic spruceness of the Eton boy." He may have been spruce once, nowadays he seems to make it a point of honour to be as untidy as he can. And made-up ties are no economy because they won't wash, as ties will.

An Appreciation

The late Mr. Fred Anderson, for so many years one of the most active and leading men in Shanghai has had two tributes in "The Times" one from Mr. E. M. Gull, secretary of the China Association, who wrote mainly of Mr. Anderson's many activities; the other of a more personal character.

As one who knew Fred Anderson for many years, says this writer, may I offer a brief tribute to the essential goodness and winning personality of the man? Perhaps the most striking feature of his character was his simplicity and youthful freshness of outlook. He never seemed to grow old. He radiated good will, and we all loved his sly humour and that merry and kindly twinkle in his eye. He was deeply versed in affairs, prudent in business, of wide human sympathies, and generous almost to a fault.

Those who knew Mr. Anderson will endorse every word of this. When I first went to Shanghai in 1907 as assistant editor of the "N.C.D.N." he was chairman and it was due to his kindness that the empty flat in the old building provided for the assistant editor was furnished for me by the company. In many ways he made things smooth for me.

In recent years I served for some time on the small Far Eastern section of the London Chamber of Commerce, the meetings being usually preceded by lunch at his club in the City, which put one in an excellent frame of mind for taking a far-sighted view of the Far East.

He used to tell a story of a Chinese friend of his who in the troubles that followed the Revolution prophesied that "ultimately the Japanese will come and help us put things straight." But any respect that Mr. Anderson may have had for this prophecy at the time, had long disappeared before his death under the realities of experience. He was a great friend whom we shall greatly miss.

German General Warns People

Tenacity of Britons As Fighters Worth Utmost Respect; Long War Due

Berne, Feb. 19.

A warning to the German people not to underestimate "the tenacity of the British" was given by General von Metzch in an article which appeared yesterday in the paper "Deutsche Adelsblatt."

It is possible for England, he said, to place a new, continental army of 1,000,000 men on a war footing.

"Once a decision taken, there is not the least hesitation from the English," he added. "The completion of this plan demands several years. The fact that it has been started indicates that they are determined to wage a long war."

"We are but at the threshold of a war already marked by numerous successes of the German air force and submarines, but many transports are still arriving in England and new constructions, purchases, exchanges, and thefts on a large scale, make up for the losses sustained by the Allied ships by our planes and submarines," General von Metzch continued. "There must be no doubt as to the fierceness of which the English are capable, for they certainly do not lack tenacity. We should strengthen our own war potential as much as we can. The French, I may add, are similar to the English in the above respect."—Havas.

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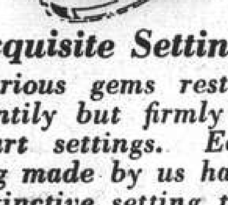

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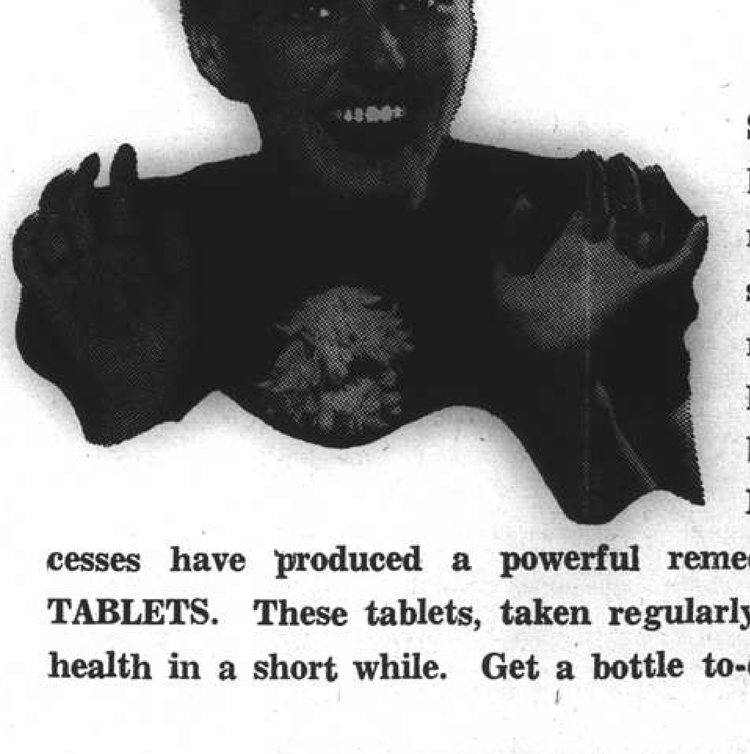

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Shanghai Nipponjin to Meet Rugby Club on Sunday

Japanese Expected to Put Up Swift and Fine Play; Club 2nd Playing Police on Saturday

STILL another attractive Rugby programme has been arranged for the coming week-end by the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club, three games being down for decision, two on Saturday and one on Sunday. Although the interport match is past and the United States Marine XV have played their last game of the current season, interest in the handling code is still at a high pitch, almost the exact opposite of what obtained in recent years. For this the Club authorities cannot be too warmly commended for it gives many promising players an honest chance to display their prowess in senior fifteens whereas during the earlier parts of winter the fixed idea is to select the best side and keep that side right through to the interport clash.

The encounter that attracts most attention this week is that on Sunday when at 3 p.m. the Club 1st XV meet the clever Shanghai Nipponjin (Japanese Civilians) 1st XV. It will be remembered that the Japanese have appeared but once at the Race Course this season, and that a few weeks ago. They went down to the Seaforth Highlanders after a terrific struggle and many present thought they were decidely unlucky to lose the day since they had by far the better of the play and on the whole played better football than the doughty Scots.

In the Club they will be faced with stern opposition but if the visitors perform as they did in their previous match then they can look forward to their forthcoming struggle with high hopes. The Club are making a number of changes and on paper they appear to strengthen the side considerably. Thornley and Thomas replace Kennedy and Ward and this should give the outsides more thrust than has been seen in the past few weeks. Cessford and Dickinson, the halves, remain unaltered and they are not likely to get the worst of their opposite numbers. Gammie makes his reappearance in the front row of the pack while the other forwards with the exception of Wallace, remain the same as those originally selected for last week's game against the Scots.

The Club forwards are good. There is no doubt about that and if Bill Pearson and Reynolds are on form then the Japanese are going to have a hard time. On the other hand the Nipponjin forwards pack very low, break up quickly and their hooker has a habit of getting the ball back at lightning pace with disconcerting monotony. Still, Reynolds will probably give him all the opposition required in this direction.

Japanese Emulate New Zealanders

Where the Club will be handicapped is outside the pack. The Japanese habitually employ the New Zealand method of playing seven forwards and three halves and here the Club backs may find themselves in a tangle unless they watch points. With the Nipponjin outsides all very fast in getting away, sure in their handling and clever in all their passing movements, the Club defence is going to have a hard job in keeping out their nippy adversaries when faced by the extra half. It is possible that Tay will be taken out of the pack to neutralize the Japanese advantage in this respect.

Whatever the result—and it is likely to be very close—a splendid game should be witnessed by a large crowd and if the ground is on the firm side, then some fireworks from the visitors can be confidently anticipated.

Highlanders Out Again

At 2.30 p.m. on Saturday the Seaforth Highlanders 2nd XV will oppose the Area Details. The Scots, who have still yet to be beaten this season, are not likely to have their colours lowered by the unlucky but very sporting Details and should win in convincing fashion.

Half-an-hour later the Club 2nd XV meet the Police on the adjoining pitch for the second time this season. In the previous encounter the Club won a very close game by six points to four, but if the Police are in their best form this result should be reversed. The Club have a number of senior players included in their fifteen, but their forwards may be effectively blotted out of the picture if the lawmen can reproduce their recent form. The Club outsides combine better than those of their opponents, but provided the Police pack plays as it can, then the Club threes will see little of the ball.

Saturday, February 24

2.30 p.m. Seaforths 2nd XV *v.* Area Details (Referee: Mr. G. D. Nicholl)

3 p.m. Club 2nd XV *v.* Police (Referee Mr. D. W. Leach).

Sunday, February 25

3 p.m. Club 1st XV *v.* Shanghai Nipponjin (Japanese Civilians) 1st XV (Referee: Mr. G. S. Dunkley).

Club 1st XV: W. N. Dickson; J. W. M. Martin, S. M. Thornley, I. F. Aucott, A. Thomas; F. A. Cessford, R. Dickinson; R. A. O. Mayne, R. U. Reynolds, A. Gammie, W. D. Pearson (captain), R. Dobson, P. B. Tay, M. O. Liddell, J. D. Sayle.

Club 2nd XV: J. Moore; K. Okimoto, O. P. Edwards, S. J. Ward, B. A. St. Louis; A. P. D. Kennedy, L. R. St. Louis; J. W. Chapman, J. R. Blaikie, D. M. Wheeler, W. V. K. Chadwick, J. F. Follett, J. March, W. P. Hetherington, F. G. Williams.

Reserves for Both Games: R. S. L. Frewen, C. H. Hodgman, J. R. Harling, W. E. Whaley, G. L. Hinds, A. J. Walker, W. K. Corneck and R. V. Stapleton-Cotton. All players, including reserves, who are unable to turn out this week-end are requested to inform Mr. W. D. Pearson (Tel. 11430) to this effect not later than 5 p.m. Friday so that other arrangements may be made.

Seabiscuit Ready For the Races

Refused to Give Way to Injuries; Likely to Be Biggest Money Winner

BY HENRY MCLEMORE

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.

As a rule I am not interested in the health of horses. No horse ever called up when I was sick, or sent around a bowl of chicken broth or an egg custard. So, I am usually able to take their fevers, chills and split fetlocks in stride.

But there is a horse out at Santa Anita whose well-being I am intensely interested in. He's a horse you might have heard of—Seabiscuit. I follow reports on his health as closely as I would those of a very rich and very old uncle. And I am glad to be able to report that the Biscuit, bless his tough ol' heart, is again as sound as a dollar (copyright) and barring accidents will go to the post in the $100,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

In a few weeks he will make his first start since injury laid him up just about this time a year ago. It looked like the finish for the Biscuit then. No longer young, he was retired to stud and everyone felt that he had swirled the red and white silks of his owner, Charley Howard, around the far turn and into the stretch for the last time.

Gets Well in a Hurry

But the Biscuit was even tougher than anyone knew. He didn't take to the lush pastures and the life of ease. A horse that came up the hard way—and if you don't believe he did, just take a look at his two-year-old record—he longed for the jangle of the starting bell, the hard hurt of the bat across his flanks, and the eye to eye run down the payoff strip.

He started getting well in a hurry. A few months ago he was so frisky they started giving him workouts. Little ones, first. Gentle gallops. Gradually the distance was increased, until today he is working a mile and loving it. All the misery has gone out of his legs and jockey George (Iceman) Woolf, who has been atop him in his efforts along the comeback trails, says he is ready to go to the races.

Victor Over War Admiral

Woolf's testimony means something, because Woolf knows him as does no one else. George was on his back the day the Biscuit laid it on the line with War Admiral at Pimlico, and that was the day he was at his very best. He broke in front of the hot-footed Admiral, and never was headed. The Biscuit showed everything that day. Early foot. Power down the backstretch. And, more than anything else, a heart as big as a pumpkin. Collared by the Admiral at the far turn, he looked Man O' War's favourite son in the eye, and broke his heart with a turn of speed.

Woolf says he is running better right now than he was on that great day in Baltimore. Several of the critics who have seen him in his workouts hear Woolf out. I have been told that he has, for some reason or another, smoothed out his running action and that all the choppiness is gone, and that now he fairly glides along with a free, beautiful stride. There is no favouring of the left foreleg that was injured last winter, and the only worry he has is excess weight.—United Press.

Handball Elimination Contest Continues

In the fourth heat of the Sixth Annual Double Elimination Shanghai Open Handball Doubles Championship at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening, M. Tchakalian and M. Gaberman, Y.M.C.A. pair, easily defeating J. Monkwell and J. B. Rozier of the United States Marines by 21-3, 21-14. The winners began brilliantly, scoring three points on their first service before being put out. The Americans were retired without scoring on their first hand and then the "Y" couple unleashed some delightful smashes, kills and placements to get 13 points to get a 16-0 lead. The losers picked up 3 points and the victors ran out in two more services their tallies reading 3, 13, 14 as against their adversaries' 0, 1, 2. The second frame was more even as Tchakalian and Gaberman toyed with the opposition to run out in ten hands scoring 21 against their opponents' 14.

The 5th, 6th and 7th heats will be played this evening on the Foreign Y.M.C.A. courts, as follows:

6 p.m. F. Tchakalian-A. Wurm *v.* Eustaeff-Gecker.
6.45 p.m. Ball-Werner *v.* Wong-Ting.
7.30 p.m. Ho-Sung *v.* Richards-Ozorio.

Country Club "A" Now Sure of League

Ladies' Badminton Title Safe by Beating C.S.F. "A"

Playing on their own courts, the Country Club "A" administered a second defeat to the C.S.F. "A" last night in the Ladies' Division of the Badminton League when they triumphed by seven sets to two, thus bettering their previous performance when they won by only 6-3. The Country Club players have now definitely gained the Ladies' Division title with 57 sets out of a possible 63, a record which cannot be overtaken, even if they lose their next match, which is highly unlikely.

The other clash of the evening saw the C.S.F. "B" consolidate their place in the standings with a runaway victory of 8-1 over the Union Church, the meeting taking place at the Union Church courts.

Country Club "A" 7; C.S.F. "A" 2

Mrs. Burton and Miss Holwill beat Mrs. Arnold-Jones and Mrs. Hubbard, 15-9, 11-15, 15-3.

Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. Cox beat Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Cate, 15-5, 15-12, 15-6.

Mrs. Mirams and Mrs. Maxted beat Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Blandy, 15-9, 11-15, 15-12.

Union Church 1; C.S.F. "B" 6

Mrs. Sinclair and Miss Kemp lost to Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Trolle, 11-15, 3-15, 12-15.

Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Duff lost to Mrs. Popple and Mrs. Richards, 15-12, 4-15, 10-15.

Miss Ballingall and Miss Turner lost to Miss Horsky and Mrs. McKinnon, 2-15, 4-15, 8-15.

Man Power of the Royal Air Force

Physical training is a necessary part of the life of the Royal Air Force and a typical group of Britain's fighting airmen is shown here during a field calisthenics period designed to keep these stalwarts fit.

English Football Team Selected

At a meeting of the selection committee, the following players were selected to represent England in the forthcoming international football match *versus* Portugal on R.G. 2 on Saturday, February 24, at 3 p.m.:—

W. Ward (S.M.P.), Sgt. Harrison (E. Surreys), R. Bulldeath (S.R.C.), Pte. A. Paget (E. Surreys), Pte. Jelly (E. Surreys), A. Symonds (S.R.C.), Cpl. A. Parr (E. Surreys), Bdm. H. McCarty (E. Surreys), H. England (S.R.C.), J. Ward (A.S.F.) Capt., F. Edwards (S.F.X.). Reserves:—Kidby (P.T.H.), Bdm. Arnold (E. Surreys).

Pih Rides in Two Record-Breakers

Lan's Fair View Wins H.K. Sports Club Cup; Burford Takes Stakes

Hongkong, Feb. 20.

Two course records were broken during the third day's racing of the Hongkong Race Club's annual meeting today and in each event the jockey was Pih.

In the eighth race, the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup, Lan's Far View, ridden by Pih, covered the 1½-mile course in 2 minutes 41 4/5 seconds. The previous record was held by Gypsy Love, with a time of 2 minutes 43 3/5 seconds.

A new record was established for the Racing Stakes, the tenth race, by Brown's Burford—which was second in the Hongkong Derby yesterday—with Pih up. Burford got away from a big field and returned a time of 1 minute 51 2/5 seconds over one mile. The former record time was 1 minute 54 seconds, by Confusion Bay.

The following are the results of the Third Day of the Hongkong Race Club's Annual Race Meeting:—

VICTORIA STAKES—1 mile

Eve's Eve of Harvest (C. Encarnacao) 1
Marber's Lilliber (G. Gram) 2
Mrs. Dunbar's Bear Claw (D. Black) 3
Time: 1 min., 54⅓ sec.

CHATER CUP—½ mile, 170 yards

Cire's Spicylight (Moller) 1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Mount Hope Bay (D. Black) 2
Diamond's White Diamond (Pih) 3
Time: 1 min., 02⅘ sec. (Record).

CANBELEGO HANDICAP—1¼ miles

Gredka's Murrembidgee (D. Black) 1
Mr. Li Shiu Hang's A Roaring Time (Wei) 2
Cocoa's Annabella (Chao) 3
Time: 2 min., 15¼ sec.

ROYAL NAVY CUP—1 mile, 171 yards

Mr. H. Leigh's Guinneas Time (Wei) 1
Mr. J. F. Macgregor's Strathbannock (D. Black) 2
S.L.K.'s Celtic Star (F. Marshall) 3
Time: 2 min., 15⅘ sec.

THE ALBURY STAKES (First Section)—About half mile 170 yards

Neerlandia's Flying Dutchman (Needa) 1
Yly's Sparrow (Chao) 2
Mr. S. T. Williamson's Sea Jay (Proulx) 3
Time: 1 min. 11 sec.
(Dead heat for first place).

THE KILLARA HANDICAP—6 Furlongs

Lucky's Sydney Lad (Hearne) 1
Mr. J. H. Jessen's Pumpernickel (Proulx) 2
Dr. S. N. Chau's Derby Day (Chao) 3
Time: 1 min. 17⅘ secs.
Daily Double Event: 1st Selected Race

THE CHEFOO HANDICAP (First Section)—About one mile 171 yards

Mr. Li Po Chun's This Time (Wei) 1
Lan's Night View (Pih) 2
Lucky's Some Hope (Hearne) 3
Time: 2 mins. 17 secs.

THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY & SPORTS CLUB—1½ mile

Lan's Far View (Pih) 1
Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper (Encarnacao) 2
Messrs. Lee Bros.' Amicus-Curiac (Marshall) 3
Time: 2 mins. 41⅘ secs. (Record).
Daily Double Event: 2nd Selected Race

THE CHEFOO HANDICAP (Second Section)—About one mile 171 yards

Unicorn's Phoenix (Liang) 1
Kia Ora's Emergency Call (Black) 2
T. & E.'s Bressay (Hearne) 3
Time: 2 mins. 18⅘ secs.

THE RACING STAKES—1 mile

Mr. C. B. Brown's Burford (Pih) 1
T.K.L.'s O-Lan (Needa) 2
Mr. L. Dunbar's Dupont Bay (Hearne) 3
Time: 1 min. 51⅘ secs. (Record).

THE ALBURY STAKES (Second Section)—About half mile 170 yards

S.M.K.'s Melody Star (Proulx) 1
Y.H.'s Spring Shine (Chao) 2
L.W.S.'s Princess Claro (Liang) 3
Time: 1 min. 00⅘ sec.—Reuter.

French Army Invited to Send Soccer Side

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Feb. 20.

The French Army has been invited to send an association football team to play against the British Army in England next year following the success of similar matches just played in France. In three matches in France, the British won two and drew the other.—Reuter.

Marine Regulars Beat Y.M.C.A.

Ten Pins Leadership Now Changes Hands as Marine Team Win by 2-1 Score

Foreign Y.M.C.A., hitherto unbeaten in the Shanghai Men's Ten Pins League, met their first defeat last night from the Marine Regulars by the odd game in three, which enabled the Americans to jump into the lead. In the two other matches the Race Club maintained its position by defeating the Marine Recruits also by 2-1 while the Columbia Country Club Oaks beat the American Club by 3-0.

The "Y" won the opening game by a wide margin, but the team weakened in the remaining games. The best performance of the evening was given by the Columbians who aggregated a triple of 2,573. Laidlaw stood out with a fine triple of 582, starting with a high single of 213.

In the Second Division the Marine Reds and the "Y" Flukes led the Pine and Maple Sections respectively. The service team beat the Race Club Strikes by 2-1 while the Flukes took all three games easily from the Columbia Country Club.

FOREIGN Y.M.C.A.

Gonsalves	161	160	130	457
Krause	169	179	147	487
Chanturai	156	159	147	462
Kieffel	200	175	180	555
Butler	154	154	168	476
	836	823	778	2,437

MARINE REGULARS

Messersmith	129	202	190	521
Brown	147	170	164	501
Williams	150	167	165	502
Fiori	149	171	156	476
Dolinsek	149	128	182	459
	744	858	857	2,459

MARINE RECRUITS (1)

Childress	124	183	190	497
Gilbert	163	157	178	498
Barten	138	154	153	445
Rozier	189	169	174	532
Ehlinger	166	160	196	522
	780	823	891	2,494

RACE CLUB (2)

Watton	155	152	173	480
L. C. Kew	167	165	159	491
A. C. Kew	186	162	142	490
Clark	188	150	165	503
Pote-Hunt	181	215	115	511
	877	844	754	2,475

AMERICAN CLUB (0)

Quinn	172	169	181	522
Hartnett	170	137	153	460
Klovekorn	200	173	176	549
Deegan	130	180	197	507
Lurton	145	143	149	437
	817	802	856	2,475

C.C.C. OAKS (3)

Huebner	166	170	168	504
Henningsen	182	124	148	454
Laidlaw	213	176	193	582
F. D. Nance	151	198	186	535
Gray	145	166	187	498
	857	834	882	2,573

"B" Division

PINE SECTION

S.R.C. Strikes (1)	803	875	773	2,451
Marine Reds (2)	864	842	786	2,492
"Y" Flukes (2)	788	832	770	2,390
Swiss Club (1)	722	805	802	2,32

MAPLE SECTION

"Y" Luckies (3)	865	860	798	2,523
Columbia Club (0)	758	811	730	2,299
A. C. Trojans (2)	786	773	747	2,306
S.R.C. Spares (1)	699	787	705	2,191
Marine Blues (1)	646	763	810	2,219
Marine Whites (2)	763	793	759	2,31[illegible]

Present Standings

"A" Division

	Won	Lost
Marine Regulars	14	7
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	13	5
Race Club	8	7
American Club	8	13
C.C.C. Oaks	6	12
Marine Recruits	5	10

"B" Division

PINE SECTION

Marine Reds	13	5
"Y" Flukes	13	8
S.R.C. Strikes	12	9
Marine Officers	7	11
Swiss Club	7	14
A. C. Tartars	5	10

MAPLE SECTION

"Y" Luckies	17	4
Marine Blues	15	6
A. C. Trojans	13	9
Marine Whites	11	10
Columbia Club	6	15
S.R.C. Spares	2	19

Scottish Team Announced

The team to represent Scotland in the semi-finals of the International Cup competition against China this Sunday morning at the Canidrome was picked yesterday evening.

Huff Cochran, Shanghai's best shooter, is unable to play as he leaves in a day or two on holiday. The side is fairly strong in defence but lacks power in the front line though Fraser and Duncan, the two crack Seaforths inside-forwards, will help.

Downie (Rowing Club), MacDonald (Seaforths), Campbell (Seaforths), McAloon (Police), McCusker (Seaforths), Jack (Recs), Sims (Rowing Club), Fraser (Seaforths), Orr (S.F.C.), Duncan (Seaforths), Hall (Police).

Reserves: Muir (Rowing Club), Sinclair (Rowing Club), Gilmour (Seaforths), McShannon (Seaforths).

England Will Meet Scotland Again

Scottish War Emergency Cup Draw Announced; Alloa Meet Rangers

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

A return International association football match between England and Scotland has been arranged to take place at Glasgow on May 11, it is announced today. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross Fund.

The draw of the first round of the Scottish War Emergency Cup, which will be played off on February 24 and March 2, is as follows:—

Kilmarnock *v.* Ayr
Dundee *v.* Third Lanark
St. Johnstone *v.* Hearts
Celtic *v.* Raith
St. Bernards *v.* Morton
Alloa *v.* Rangers
Dumbarton *v.* Arbroath
Dundee United *v.* Partick
Stenhousemuir *v.* Hamilton
Clyde *v.* East Fife
Queen's Park *v.* Airdrieonians
Aberdeen *v.* Albion
Falkirk *v.* Hibernian
King's Park *v.* Motherwell
St. Mirren *v.* Queen of the South
Dunfermline—bye.—Reuter.

Squash Games See One-Sided Wins

Race Club Trim Rowing Club 4-1; "Y" Trounce Country Club 5-0

The Race Club confirmed expectations in last night's squash senior knockout tournament match, when they defeated the Rowing Club by four matches to one, thereby qualifying for the final. In the other game of the day, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. inflicted a heavy defeat on the Country Club by five straight matches, which puts them in to play the Rowing Club in the semi-final of this double elimination tournament. These two teams play at the Rowing Club next Tuesday, and the winners meet the Race Club in the final the following Tuesday.

None of the matches at the Rowing Club was particularly hard fought, that between L. H. Wade and L. D. Carson going to four games, wherein Wade won the first, Carson the second and Wade the third and fourth. As this match was played after the other four had been completed the final result in total of matches played had already given a decision in favour of the Race Club, so the game lost interest.

J. W. Pote-Hunt proved too good for W. Neugebauer and won his match in three straight games, the Race Club player showing his best form against an indifferent performance by the loser. E. B. Cumine of the Race Club proved at his best against G. W. Morris, whose retrieves kept the score very close, but after holding out to 9-10 in the first game, Cumine ran to his points with ease.

M. Benavitch played in good form to defeat H. G. Fabian in three straight games, the winner showing form reminiscent of his performance of three years ago when he was the local champion. In the fifth string game, C. S. Kimber was well on form and defeated R. D. Parkin in three straight games, the two players revealing styles with Kimber's tenacity winning him the day.

Matches at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. revealed the home team in grand form against the Country Club and here the most interesting result was seen in D. Green's victory in three straight games over R. B. Gotch who could not bring off his best drop shots and Green won in three games.

T. E. Baker, last year's junior champion played one of the best games of his life yesterday when he defeated H. K. Cassels in four games. Cassel's court craft was met with some very good shots by Baker and while the older player was able to come up strongly in the second and third games, Baker maintained his slight advantage in the fourth to go out the winner.

RACE CLUB 4, ROWING CLUB 1

L. H. Wade defeated L. D. Carson, 9-5, 6-9, 9-7, 9-7.
J. W. Pote-Hunt defeated W. Neugebauer, 9-3, 9-4, 9-7.
E. B. Cumine defeated G. W. Morris, 10-9, 9-4, 9-3.
M. Benavitch defeated H. G. Fabian, 9-0, 9-6, 9-2.
R. D. Parkin lost to C. S. Kimber, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7.

FOREIGN Y.M.C.A. 5, COUNTRY CLUB 0

D. Green defeated R. B. Gotch, 9-5, 9-6, 9-7.
T. E. Baker defeated H. K. Cassels, 9-1, 4-9, 9-7, 9-6.
R. Berglof defeated H. M. Snow, 9-7, 7-9, 9-5, 6-9, 9-6.
J. L. Berglof defeated W. A. Hogarth, 7-9, 9-7, 6-9, 10-8, 9-5.
M. Ginsbourg defeated F. E. T. Marshall, 9-5, 10-8, 10-8.

Finn Sports Heroes Now War Heroes

Helsinki Press Extoll Exploits in Fighting

Helsinki, Feb. 20.

Finnish heroes in the realm of sport who in normal times this month would have been contesting for Olympic honors at Garmisch-Partenkirchen today were heroes of war stories appearing in the newspapers here.

Kalle Jalkanen, long distance ski champion, Tekka Niegs, Aarne Valkama, Bino Leino, and Pekka Vanninen, other champions, were featured in the stories.

Jalkanen, while returning from the northern Finland front, obtained permission and proceeded to the Mannerheim front where he met his friendly rivals. All of them wanted to be in the same corps for domradeship and to maintain uniformity and act as speedsters when necessary.

Jalkanen was wounded when leading a ski expedition behind the Russian lines. Some of his fingers of his right hand are still crippled, but he has learned to use his automatic pistol with his left hand and thus he is not worried about getting away to a bad start.—United Press.

British Army XV Meeting French in Paris

First Franco-British Rugby Encounter Since 1931

London, Feb. 20.

The British Army Rugby XV to play the French Army in Paris on Sunday will be from: Jenkins, Unwin, Cranmer, Edwards, Wooller, Guest, Reynolds, Ellis, Wen, Davies, Travers, Prescott, Horsburgh, Huskisson, Mayne, Sayers, S. Walker and Duff.

All are internationals except the English trials player, Edwards.

The match is the first Franco-British Rugby football encounter since 1931.—Reuter.

New Golf Course at Kiangwan Foreseen

Racing Also Anticipated In That Area

Creation of an 18-hole golf course in Kiangwan by merging the existing facilities of the Japanese Golf Club and a new links to be laid out by the Shanghai Real Estate Company was foreshadowed by the "Tairiku Shimpo," local Japanese daily, yesterday.

The new course will cover about 80 acres and will consist of nine holes, the paper said. It will be laid within the premises of the Kiangwan Race Course purchased by the Real Estate Company from the Shanghai Race Club last year.

Meantime, plans were also afoot to start horse racing at Kiangwan next spring, the daily stated.

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Britain Embarking on Colonial Development Programme

White Paper Reveals Extension of Policy of Trusteeship; Empire Peoples to Be Assisted

London, Feb. 20.

RECOMMENDATIONS of a Royal Commission and a White Paper containing a draft statement on the aims of His Majesty's Government with regard to Colonial welfare and research was published in London this afternoon. The statement begins with reference to the recommendations of the West Indies Royal Commission which are being published simultaneously. Action on these recommendations is being taken forthwith. His Majesty's Government accepts important proposals for a central organization presided over by a judiciary controller for planning the further development of welfare services in the West Indies and will provide for expenditure in the West Indies on the scale proposed by the Commission.

The statement then proceeds to announce the policy which has been adopted by His Majesty's Government on broad questions of development and welfare for the Colonial Empire as a whole. "Though the unhappy intervention of war inevitably affects the rate of advance, the Government propose to proceed with their policy of development as far and as fast as the exigencies of the time permit. His Majesty's Government are trustees for the well being of the peoples of the Colonial Empire and the whole-hearted support given by the inhabitants of every territory to the common war effort is the best testimony to their appreciation of the way in which this trust is being discharged.

"The Primary aim of British Colonial policy is to protect and advance the interests of the inhabitants of Colonies.

"If full and balanced development is to be obtained and if Colonial Governments are to be placed in a position to maintain administrative, technical and social services at proper standards some assistance from outside is necessary at this stage."

Much has been done already. The United Kingdom Exchequer has provided £12,000,000 in the last ten years to meet deficits in Colonial budgets. The Colonial development fund has provided some £5,000,000 with commitments amounting to another £1,600,000 for economic development.

Capital Investments

His Majesty's Government now propose to invite Parliament to approve an extension of this policy. Until now, the Colonial Development Fund has existed primarily for material development and capital expenditure and its existence has not involved any departure from the old principle that a Colony should have only those services which it can afford to maintain out of its own resources. "This principle now calls for revision and the Government propose that in appropriate cases money should be made available for the maintenance of important works or services over a substantial period of years. They propose to introduce legislation to replace that by which the Colonial development fund is limited to a maximum of £1,000,000 a year, by new arrangements providing in a new vote in the estimates for assistance to Colonial Governments up to a maximum of £5,000,000 a year for ten years. This assistance will be available not only for schemes involving capital expenditure necessary for Colonial development in the widest sense but also for helping to meet recurrent expenditure in the Colonies on certain services such as agriculture, education, health and housing."

Colonial Research

Separate provision is also to be made for Colonial research (hitherto assisted out of the Colonial Development Fund) up to a maximum of £500,000 a year to be administered with the assistance of the new Colonial Research Advisory Committee. This proposal follows the suggestion made by Lord Hailey in "African Survey."

The intention is that £5,000,000 and £500,000 a year respectively should be the maximum figures. It must take time to frame carefully plans of development and research and to translate them into operation. "These maximum figures have been reached after estimating what expenditure seems desirable and practicable for a reasonable period of years ahead. They will be subject to review from time to time and should experience show that they are insufficient it will always be open to Parliament to increase them. So far as concerns provision for development and welfare the position will have to be reviewed before expiry for any ten year period.

"It will be noted that these measures of assistance by the taxpayers of the United Kingdom will be extended without distinction not only to all British Colonies and Protectorates but also to all territories administered by Government under the mandatory system."

Economic Developments

Primary emphasis will be on the improvement of the economic position of the Colonies upon which advance in other directions is largely consequential since it is only thereby that the Colonies will be able to provide services which the interests of their peoples demand.

Reference to the growing practice of the Colonial Office of asking for the services of technical advisers to the Colonies. "Contacts so made are of value both to the Colonies and to the Colonial Office and it may well be that the preparation and execution of development programmes will make more regular travel desirable.

"From London there will be assistance and guidance but no spirit of dictation. The new policy of development will involve no derogation from rights and privileges of local legislatures upon whom rest a large measure of responsibility for the improvement of conditions in their several territories and upon whose co-peration the Government count with confidence. The whole effort will be one of collaboration between the authorities in the Colonies and those at home to promote the prosperity and happiness of the peoples of Colonial Empire."

Achievements of Policy

The White Paper and the statement of which the above is a summary represents the most important development in Colonial policy for many years. At the same time it may be regarded as an extension and a logical development of the policy of coordination pursued in the past of giving assistance to the Colonies by the following means:—

(a) assistance from the Colonial development fund over the last ten years;
(b) guarantee by the British Government of loans raised by the Colonies;
(c) special grants e.g. grant of £100,000 to Makerere College in Uganda last year; and
(d) grants-in-aid to meet budget deficits.

Such measures as these have already shown that the policy of trusteeship (which applies equally to Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories) involves financial obligations on the part of Great Britain.

These obligations are re-emphasized in the White Paper which foreshadows a greater increase of financial provisions. Funds now to be made available will permit of a striking acceleration in carrying out the policy of His Majesty's Government of promoting the welfare of Colonial peoples; assistance will be given without distinction to Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories alike.

Sound Foundations Laid

It would have been impossible to embark on the new policy without the sound foundation laid in the past.

New policy involves no departure from the long accepted constitutional principle i.e. there will be no derogation from rights and privileges of local legislatures.

His Majesty's Government has decided to embark on this new policy in spite of the war. While it is obvious that the carrying out of this policy will call for the provision of greatly increased material resources, these can and will be found in spite of difficulties which it might be supposed exist in consequence of the present world situation.

The fact that His Majesty's Government have decided to embark on this new policy under present conditions is the clearest proof of the inherent strength, unity and stability of the Empire, and the fact that Great Britain and the Empire are capable of undertaking new internal commitments of a far-reaching nature in time of war is of immense significance. It is noteworthy that it has not been found necessary to postpone the adoption of the recommendations of the General Royal Commission, formed before the outbreak of war to enquire into and make recommendations concerning internal Empire problems unconnected with the present hostilities.

Proof of Empire Unity

That this should be possible is clear evidence, not only of the immense strength and resources of the Empire, but of the fact that Great Britain and the members of the Colonial Empire are both willing and capable of assisting each other under any conditions. This fact is brought home not only by the assistance which will be given to the Colonies by His Majesty's Government in pursuance of the new policy now announced, but on the other hand, by the many spontaneous gifts and offers of service which have come simultaneously from all parts of the Empire. No better reply could be found, if any reply is needed, to the allegations so frequently and groundlessly made by German propaganda that Great Britain exploits her Colonies, that is—exacts tribute from them. The White Paper clearly shows that the reverse is in fact the case. It is finally the best possible indication that there is no doubt in the mind of the British Government about the ultimate outcome of the war since, unless there were every indication of a successful conclusion, it is obvious that this moment would not have been chosen to launch a new policy of such a far-reaching nature.

Many Factories Removed To Szechuen

Chungking, Feb. 19.

More than 150 factories, with a total capital of over $200,000,000, have been removed from coastal and central China to Szechuen province, according to figures issued here today.

Many other factories, it is stated, are still being removed to this province.

Plans are said to be in hand for establishing 38 small spinning and weaving factories in Szechuen and 50 others in Shensi.—Reuter.

U.S. World Fair Pavilion To Be Continued

New York, Feb. 20.

The Executive Board of the British Empire Chamber of Commerce unanimously passed a resolution in favour of a continuance of the British Pavilion at the New York World's Fair in 1940. The resolution says the continuance of the British Pavilion "in the interests of maintaining British export trade, which is at present of equal importance to other war efforts.—Reuter.

Anglo-Franco-Turk Treaty Registered

Geneva, Feb. 19.

The mutual assistance agreement, signed at Ankara on October 19, 1939, by the governments of Great Britain, Turkey and France, has been registered by France, in agreement with the other two signatories, with the League of Nations. The registration, observers point out, is not an empty formality as the treaty refers in article three t, the Montreux Convention on the use of the Dardanelles by belligerent warships.—Havas.

President Quezon Gathers in the Crops

President Manuel L. Quezon, of the Philippines, poses happily with the rice which he harvested from the paddy he planted himself last July. Mrs. Quezon, (right) is wearing a peasant dress.

West Front Grows More Lively

French Patrol Goes Far Behind German Lines to Get Facts; Twenty Die

Paris, Feb. 20.

The most serious reconnaissance incident on the Western Front since the start of the war occurred yesterday, when a French detachment was ambushed and lost over 20 killed. The encounter took place in the early morning, when the troops were operating behind the German lines.

Intent on collecting information, the patrol were suddenly raked by a burst of machinegun fire. Nearly twenty fell at the first onslaught before they could begin to fight back.

With the onset of milder weather, there has been a noticeable increase in German reconnaissance activity. The Germans yesterday morning raided a French outpost east of the Moselle after thorough artillery preparation, but were driven back. At dawn yesterday, French and German patrols stumbled into contact and exchanged shots without definite result.

German aircraft made four flights over north-eastern France.

"To the west of the Saar, a German detachment tried to approach one of our posts, but was driven back with losses," states a French communique issued here last night. "Firing from casemates on the banks of the Rhine was resumed."—Reuter.

Enemy Attack Fails

Paris, Feb. 20.

"An enemy surprise attack failed in the sector east of the Nied River. There was some activity on the remainder of the front," this morning's General Staff communique announced.

Despite the aggressiveness of the German troops during the past ten days, the thawing of the frozen ground is hampering operations on the front. Two surprise attacks were launched by the Germans both on the Lorraine front.

The first took place early in the morning in the sector West of the Saar River, and the second during the night in the Nied River sector.

The encounter near the Nied River occurred when a French detachment, sent to relieve an outpost, lost its way and suddenly found itself well within the German lines. The Germans immediately used machine-gun and hand grenades. Taken completely by surprise, the French detachment suffered many losses, while the commander was killed.

In the air, British planes are taking the initiative, and yesterday attacked several German mine-sweepers.—Havas.

German Communique

Berne, Feb. 20.

"South-east of Busenforf, in French territory, a scouting detachment annihilated a military truck containing twenty enemy soldiers," this morning's official German General Staff communique claimed. "Our planes effected reconnaissance flights as far as the northern part of the North Sea."—Havas.

Joe Eagle Abused for Alleged Fake

Spectators Hurl Cushions And Boo "Knockout"

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Boxing fans and sports writers today were boiling with indignation over what they alleged to have been a "dive" by Joe Eagle of Manila in his fight against "Piston" Horiguchi, Japanese featherweight champion, last night. The Filipino was counted out in the third round of the bout.

Angry sports fans today charged that the fight and knockout were a "fake." They said that the Fillipino was by no means knocked out and that he purposely stayed down. They pointed out that he rested on one knee and held the ropes while the referee was tolling.

After the fight, the spectators lost their tempers and hurled cushions and oranges at the Filipino. They also booed.

Sports writers today launched a bitter critical campaign against Eagle, demanding that he be run out of Japan and that he never be allowed to fight here again.

Eagle won the first round last night, and Horiguchi the second. In the third the Japanese tore in with a barrage of blows and the Filipino went down suddenly.—United Press.

Gen. Hata Honoured by Humane Society

Silver Medal for Saving Japanese Pets

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Gen. Shunroku Hata, Minister of War, today had been honoured by the Japan Humane Society for rising to the defence of cats and dogs in the Diet.

During a budgetary debate in the Lower House on February 13, Mr. Reikichi Kita, a member of the Minseito Party, urged the liquidation of all canine and feline families of the Empire so as to conserve food during the present emergency.

Gen. Hata, however, strongly objected to the interpellation, reminding Mr. Kita that such a measure would constitute an inhumane act. The War Minister further pointed out that it was inadvisable to deprive the people of their pets. A grateful Humane Society yesterday presented Gen. Hata with a silver medal and a testimonial.—Domei.

Chinese Seamen Put Under Bond

Men Refused to Sail to European War Zones

New York, Feb. 20.

Ninety-seven Chinese seamen, who quit various ships in protest against travelling in the European war zone, arrived here yesterday and were immediately placed under U.S.$500 bond each by steamship customs officials.

Customs officials met the seamen at the dock and took them to Bush Terminal at Brooklyn where they were to board the steamer Themius for their return to China via Hongkong.

One group abandoned five English tankers at Port of Spain, their spokesman explained, because they were "afraid to die."

The Chinese mariners arrived here aboard the liner Argentina from Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo, Trinidad and other South American ports.

All the seamen were clean, well dressed and well mannered.—United Press.

Maritime Commission Approves Sales

Mr. Hamilton Fish Attacks "Travesty" of Neutrality

Washington, Feb. 20.

The Maritime Commission yesterday approved the sale of eight United States Line vessels to a Belgian corporation in which the United States Lines has a 40 per cent. interest.

Mr. Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative of New York, said the sale and transfer were an "outrageous subterfuge—a breach of neutrality." He said the Belgian company has made a down payment of U.S.$137,000. Therefore, the U.S. Lines holds a 97 per cent. mortgage on the ships, he declared.

"What a farce!" he declared. "It is a travesty on our neutrality."—United Press.

Requisitioned U.S. Stocks Listed

British Treasury Taking Over All Holdings of 60 Specified Securities

London, Feb. 20.

Securities affected by the British Treasury's order issued yesterday, requisitioning 60 specified American securities, are as follows (common stocks unless otherwise stated:—

Allied Chemical, Allied Stores, Allis Chalmers, American Can, American Radiator, American Steel Foundries, American Tobacco, American Tobacco "B"; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Rly.; Aviation & Transportation (Capital), Caterpillar Tractor, Cerro de Pasco (Capital), Colgate-Palmolive-Peet, Columbia Gas & Elec, pfd. "A"; Commercial Credit, Commercial Investment Trust, Commonwealth Edison (Capital), Consolidated Edison, Continental Oil (Capital), Corn Products Refining, Crane Company, Crown Zellerbach, Douglas Aircraft (Capital), Du Pont de Nemours, General American Transportation, Green (H.L.) Company, Greyhound Corporation, Ingersoll Rand, Johns Manville, Kennecott Copper (Capital), Loews Incorporated, Louisville & Nashville Railway (Capital), Montgomery Ward, Norfolk & Western Railway, North Amer. Aviation (Capital), North Amer. Company, Paramount Pictures, 1st pfd. (Capital), Penny (P.C.) Company, Phillips Petroleum (Capital), Pure Oil, Purity Bakeries, Radio Corp. of America, Republic Steel, Reynolds (R.J.) Tobacco "B", Safeway Stores, Servel Incorporated, Southern Pacific (Capital), Spiegel, Incorporated Standard Oil of New Jersey (Capital), Sterling Products (Capital), Swift Company, Texas Corporation (Capital), Texas Gulf Sulphur (Capital), Union Carbide & Carbon (Capital), Union Pacific Railroad, United Aircraft (Capital), United Airlines (Capital), United Fruit (Capital), United States Smelting, Westinghouse Air Brake (Capital).

All holdings by residents of the United Kingdom in these securities are to be transferred to the Treasury, under yesterday's order, holders being reimbursed at the current New York price and the official exchange rate, plus accrued interest up to March 4.—Reuter.

United States Now Drifting to War

Senator Gerald Nye on Similarity of Trend in 1915; Men Follow Arms

Washington, Feb. 20.

Senator Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota Republican and newest member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, yesterday gave warning that the United States was drifting into war and that the Administration was doing nothing to halt it.

Senator Nye told the United Press that only an early termination of the European war would modify the certainty of American involvement, he said. He characterized proposals for an embargo against Japan as a "direct incitement to war."

He said he was still convinced that the repeal of the arms embargo—which he fought bitterly—would break down the dangers of United States involvement in Europe. He predicted that the current flow of munitions and war materials to Europe would be the prelude to American credit with warring nations and eventual involvement in the hostilities.

"We are walking the same road we did in 1915," he declared. "It is uncanny how close the parallel is."

Senator Nye described the Welles mission in Europe as exactly analagous to Colonel House's expedition during the Wilson administration.

Invitation to Retaliation

Referring to the embargo proposals, now before the Senate Committee, the Senator said they were a "plain invitation to retaliation. If the embargo would be effective in halting Japanese aggression against China," he declared, "why haven't we invoked the Neutrality Act in the Far East and applied the embargo that way. Such an embargo would not hurt China. We have not been able to furnish her with supplies anyway and it would hurt Japan.

"But we are not doing it. Instead we are asked to apply a one-sided embargo in the special case of Japan. I do not think the American people would want to place an embargo on Japan if they knew what it meant in eventual consequences. Apparently we learned nothing from the last war. The restoration of the arms embargo to the Neutrality Act would be the surest step toward peace we could take."

Senators Guy M. Gillette, Iowa Democrat and John A. Danaher, Connecticut Republican, urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to approve their resolutions to invoke the Neutrality Act in the Sino-Japanese and Russo-Finnish wars.

Senator Gillette said, "Embargoes are punitive. There could be no discrimination in my proposal."—United Press.

Emperor of Japan Prays For Good Harvest

Ancient Ceremonial Takes Place at Palace

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Impressive rites said to date back to the age of the Gods were held at the Imperial Palace when Emperor Hirohito, clad in an ancient ceremonial robe of yellow and gold, prayed before the Three Altars for a bountiful harvest and for the prosperity of the Imperial Family and the whole Japanese nation.

The services were first held in the chief sanctuary of the Palace, the Kashinodokoro, where the replica of the sacred Mirror, of which the original is kept at Ise Shrine, is stored.

Branches of the sacred sakaki tree, presented by Prince Kinteru Sanjo, Grand Master of Rituals, were placed on the main altar by the Emperor. He then prayed to the spirit of his imperial ancestor, the Sun Goddess Amaterasu-o-Mikami, whose fifth generation descendant Jimmu founded the Japanese imperial dynasty 2,600 years ago.

Similar rites were observed at the Koreiden, sanctuary of the Imperial Ancestors, and at the Shinden, sanctuary of the Shinto deities. Princes, high Court dignitaries and members of the Imperial Household were present at the ceremonies.

According to age-old tradition, the Emperor's proxy, Count Shigeyuki Niwata, one of the court ritual masters, was sent to the Ise Shrine to pray to the spirit of the Sun Goddess and ask that a good crop of the Five Cereals be granted Japan this year.—Havas.

Japanese Training Ship To Call Here

Calling here on her 60th ocean cruise, the Taisei Maru, a training ship of the Tokyo Higher Mercantile Marine School will stay in Shanghai for six days in the middle of March, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday. The vessel sailed from Tokyo on January 13 on a training cruise to the South Seas.

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SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

Thousands of unemployed men, with little specialized knowledge of any trade, are now being transformed into skilled craftsmen ready to take their place in arms and engineering factories in Britain.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for the late ROBERT JACKSON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jackson, Sr., who died in Hongkong on Thursday, February 15, will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral today at 6.30 p.m. All friends are invited to attend.

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IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

THREAT TO SCANDINAVIA

In view of the forthcoming conference of the Scandinavian countries, with the exception this time of Finland, at Copenhagen, commencing on February 24, the statement last week concerning Sweden's intention to remain neutral in the Finnish-Russian war, and the proclamation of King Gustaf refusing military aid for the Finns, assume very considerable importance. King Gustaf states most emphatically that from the very first he told the Finnish Government that it would be impossible for Sweden openly to participate in military intervention on behalf of Finland, and while he was ready to give a maximum of aid to Finland, he felt sure that military intervention would involve his own country not only in war with Russia but possibly with other Powers. It speaks volumes for the courage of the Finns that, being well aware of the Swedish attitude, they, nevertheless, decided to oppose firm resistance to the Russian aggression. It is well within the competence of the Swedish Government to decide exactly what shall be its attitude towards the Russo-Finnish hostilities, and, if it has decided that it will keep out of trouble at all costs, that is purely a matter of its own concern. Whether it is wise in view of all that has transpired, is entirely another matter. If there is complete certainty that neither Germany nor Russia have any designs upon the integrity of the Scandinavian countries then the wisdom of the decision cannot be doubted, for no country desires to stir up trouble if it can possibly be avoided. But it is significant to note that one of the original demands made upon Finland was for the cession of territory in the north which would have given the Soviet a common frontier with Norway and Sweden, which does not at the present exist, and the very obvious wish of Moscow to remove the Finnish buffer between itself and Norway and Sweden, can only, in view of all that has happened, be regarded as most sinister. Both Norway and Sweden are faced with a situation now, which is entirely new, and it remains to be seen whether they will be able to remain at peace under the terrific pressure which is being put upon them.

Their safety in the past undoubtedly depended upon a state of enmity existing between Germany and Russia. That no longer exists. In its place there has been created a predatory union in which both parties are out to grab everything they can, and for whom the rich natural resources of Scandinavia, and especially Sweden have an overwhelming allure. The surrender of Germany's traditional policy in the Baltic of August last meant the dropping of the old resolution to prevent Russia obtaining access to the Atlantic. For that purpose the Reich maintained advanced positions in the Baltic, which have now been wholly given up. Russian victory over Finland would give her the complete control of the northern Baltic, and at the same time threaten the German position in the south, while, with the elimination of the Finns, Russia would be brought right up to the Swedish and Norwegian borders, constituting a threat the seriousness of which cannot now be minimized. The position of both Norway and Sweden is consequently most critical, and both those nations face a crisis probably unparalleled in their history, and one which may very well result in their ultimate destruction. The claim has been advanced, with some apparent justification that Sweden's attitude of passive neutrality, and Norway's policy of favouring Germany by permitting her shipping to use Norwegian territorial waters, is all part of the general scheme to secure safety by playing Germany off against Russia. It may succeed so long as there is that distrust between Berlin and Moscow which was evidenced by the manner in which Russia advanced into Poland to seize its share of the agreed upon spoils without waiting for Herr Hitler to keep his part of the bargain of August 23 last, but at any rate for the time being there is an identity of purpose between the two countries which makes the menace to Scandinavia all the more serious. There is only one chance of Germany and Russia disagreeing with regard to the Scandinavian countries. If the Reich had any reason to fear that Russian domination might prevent it receiving the large supplies of iron ore which it at present obtains from Sweden, there can be little doubt that Germany would take action to restrain the Russians.

The cutting off of that source of supply of so essential a war material would mean a serious thing for Germany, and it may safely be said that German and Russian interest in Swedish natural riches is not identical but completely in opposition. On the other hand the Reich may still desire to avoid fighting on any other front than the western. It was that which led Herr Hitler to forswear his acknowledged policies, and he may still prefer to see Russia go ahead on the Scandinavian peninsula rather than divert forces there to resist Russian encroachment. But whether that occurs or not the condition of the Scandinavian countries will still be parlous. They have no guarantee that sooner or later they will not fall into the greedy maw of one or the other of the aggressor nations. Indeed they have a certainty, unless they can agree upon some common form of defence which would unite them against all aggression. That, however, will prove ineffective if it does not include Finland, and they cannot include her unless they are prepared to go to her assistance with active military intervention which would prevent the Russians from ever reaching their frontiers. Germany it is reported has stated that she would regard Scandinavian intervention in behalf of Finland as a breach of neutrality, but both the Norwegian and Swedish Governments have to consider what is to be their ultimate fate if Finland is first to go, and then they themselves picked off piecemeal as it suits the convenience of the aggressor states. United, they stand a chance of successfully defending themselves, divided, they run the risk of meeting that fate which the Finns are so manfully struggling to avoid, and which they may escape if sufficient assistance in men and material is afforded them. The Finns are fighting the battle of every Scandinavian. They are the outposts of the defence of both Norway, and Sweden, and in the maintenance of present neutrality they are in fact assisting both Germany and Russia towards their own elimination. The desire to keep out of war is perfectly comprehensible, and neither Norway nor Sweden are to be blamed for having such a wish, but the real question is whether they are strong enough to maintain their neutrality, and that is something about which there must be great doubt.

Turkey Prepares

The assembly of important Allied forces in the Near East, and the general preparation against emergencies in that part of the world adds significance to the step taken by the Turkish Government on Monday in invoking the National Defence Law giving it what amounts to dictatorial powers. While the interpretation of the meaning of this step is held in some quarters to be because Turkey feels herself and the Allies menaced in the Balkans and the Near East, the probabilities are that she is merely making the necessary dispositions to meet any threat which may develop. It is to be doubted whether Germany will undertake any new ventures in the Balkans at any rate for the time being, for Herr Hitler is completely convinced on the necessity of not being engaged on more than one front at a time. There is a possibility that Russia might seek to invade Rumania, but that is unlikely until she has been able to settle the Finnish campaign and relieve herself of the expensive preoccupation she has discovered for herself at the northern end of the Baltic. Nevertheless the time may not be far distant when there will be an extension of hostilities into other parts of the world, and the most likely spot is in south-eastern Europe and the Near East. Against such an event the Allies have been assembling their forces, and it is estimated that with the adherence of Turkey there is already sufficient strength available to take care of any unfortunate development which might occur. The National Defence Law is wide in its application and permits of the Government being able to place the country in an adequate posture of defence, purely as a precautionary measure. It is unlikely that the Allies with Turkey will themselves start operations in the Balkans and the Near East, for their only objective is the maintenance of the *status quo* but the fact that they are in a position to accept any challenge which may be made to their influence in that part of the world should have a generally stabilizing effect, and possibly prevent the spread of the war.

Case Made Worse

Two suggestions have been put forward for dealing with the case of the rescue of British prisoners from the German war vessel Altmark, one, that the whole question shall be submitted to the League of Nations, and the second, that a committee of experts under President Roosevelt should arbitrate in the matter. Norway is fully entitled to submit the matter to the League and will not be criticised if she does so, though it woull be something of an irony for the League to be called upon to decide a question under that very international law which Germany has consistently violated since she embarked upon this war. The suggestion of arbitration is, however, wholly inacceptable. There are three parties to the incident in question, and no real judgment could be delivered which failed to take account of German actions in violation of international law and those dictates of humanity which have been callously disregarded by them. Lord Halifax has made the British attitude quite clear, and unfortunately for the Norwegian case, so has Mr. Halvdan Koht, the Norweigian Minister. He is reported to have told the Norwegian legislature, that even if they had known there were British prisoners on board the Altmark they would have allowed that vessel to use territorial waters. According to the Foreign Minister's statement the Altmark was flying the German government service flag as distinct from the naval or mercantile flags, which seems to indicate that the Altmark, being identifiable as neither fish, flesh, nor fowl nor good red herring, was permitted rights which Norway denies Great Britain. The Altmark was definitely a war vessel, engaged upon a warlike mission, and in the carrying out of it made use of territorial waters. Had she remained an unduly long time in any Norwegian port she would have had to be interned in the ordinary course of things, and the fact that she was actually moving through territorial waters does not do away with the fact that she was indeed seeking refuge in them. If Norway is thus going to permit her waters to be used by one belligerent she cannot in all fairness deny similar use to the others, and to do so would be a breach of that neutrality in the observation of which Norway has displayed a very apparent passivity. It is a fallacy that only belligerents owe duty to neutrals. They in their turn have equal responsibilities to the former which have to be fully borne, and if neutrals cannot maintain their neutrality in an efficient manner they cannot expect much sympathy if belligerents find themselves forced to take into their own hands the defence of their very obvious rights.

A COUNTRY DIARY

Shanghai, Feb. 20.—Today commences the period which the Chinese call "Rain Water" (Yu-shui) . . . . and the day started most appropriately with a shower of rain blown up by a sudden wind: this period is really the forerunner of Spring, for two weeks hence comes the day of Excited Insects, perhaps better called the Awakening of Insects. The remarkable thing about these changes is the rapidity with which birds and all animals respond to them and I can already note changes in the habits of the creatures in my garden: the Magpies, for example, have now probably got eggs and are increasingly jealous of any interlopers in their territory; they do not object too much to the small birds, but if a Rook or another Magpie comes in to feed, there is a fight at once: the Titmice too are rather early breeders and I note that they always come in pairs to claim their feed of peanuts: I have not yet seen any Blackbirds actually making their nests, but the fights which go on among the males (and sometimes the females too), the increased song, the excited calls of "wick-wick" if another Blackbird appears, all show that they can feel the coming of Spring: I note that the Bulbuls are still going about in little mobs, or small parties of three or four, but the males are beginning to raise the feathers at the back of their heads and shout "chee-oo-chee-oo-chee-oo" which is their way of announcing that they feel Spring in their bones and will soon be choosing a wife. Who noting all these little signs can help thinking each year of the Song of Solomon? ". . . . lo, the winter is past. . . . the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds has come." Solomon certainly did not miss much.

IN PARENTHESIS

City Girl

CITY Girl: "What is this stuff I've just picked?"

He: "Wow; that's poison ivy.'

City Girl: "Well, don't get excited, I'm not going to eat it."

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Too Literary

"I'M going to change my tailor. The one I used to go to reads too much."

"Reads too much?"

"Yes. Every letter he writes to me begins, 'On going through my books. . . .'."

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Suspicious

THE caddie was showing the novice at golf some tips.

"Always keep your eye on the ball," he said.

"That's one important thing, let me tell you."

"Oh, so that's the sort of club I've joined, is it? observed the beginner coldly.

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Not His Luck

MINISTER (to grumbling parishioner)—"Really, Thomas, you are not nearly so badly off as some people. Look at John Smith, who has just lost his wife!"

Thomas: "Weel, that's nae benefit tae me. I'm no' John Smith!"

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Big Sale

DOCTOR: "Why do you want to be cured of winking? Does it matter so much?"

Patient: "Matter! I should say it does. I wandered into an aution sale the other day, and later on I found I was the owner of three pianos, four carpets and a parrot.

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Open Secrets

WIFE: "Have you heard about the women of this village forming a secret society?"

Husband: "That's a good one. Why, women don't know how to keep a secret."

Wife: "Oh, but this society isn't going to keep secrets, it's going to tell them."

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Poor Star

THE casting director of a new film telephoned an unemployed but famous film star at his lodgings and offering him £150 a week to play the lead. "Not on your life," replied the star. I'll not look at it under £200 a week." "Come along to my office and let's talk it over," urged the film director. "What!" replied the star. "and get locked out of my room!"

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In Goal

THE goalkeeper at a football match had three times let the ball go through, after kicking wildly at it and missing.

After the match he said to the captain, "I do feel mad about those lost goals—I could kick myself!"

"You couldn't!" said the captain. "You'd miss!"

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Listener

MAJOR Muggs, ex-Indian Army, was playing his usual eighteen holes before lunch, but was a long way below his usual standard, making many bad shots. His temper, never one of the best, became very ruffled, and his anger increased when he noticed a labourer following him from hole to hole. At last the major could stand it no longer. "What the——are you looking at?" he burst out. "Looking, sir?" replied the labourer, "I 'aint looking—I'm listening."

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Congratulations

A VERY bumptious young man decided to honour the British Army with his membership, whereupon his pals agreed that the occasion should be suitably marked.

An hour after he had enlisted he received a telegram: "Thanks for your assistance. Gort." His head swelled visibly.

Next day another wire arrived: "Congratulations. We are proud of you. Gamelin."

Not until the third wire did he realize that his leg was being pulled. It read: "For Heaven's sake, keep out of this. Adolf."

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Bad Terms

ONE Sunday afternoon the silence was shattered by the sound of an uproar from the kitchen. Voices were raised in indignation; there were loud and violent arguments and much bumping and banging about.

The mistress of the house hurried down to investigate and reached the kitchen just as the angry voices reached a deafening crescendo of sound.

"What on earth is all this shouting about?" she demanded.

"If you please, mum," replied the hot-eyed and panting housemaid, "me and the cook's not speakin'."

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Shelters

THE itch to scrawl facetious inscriptions on air-raid shelters is spreading (writes a correspondent of the Yorkshire "Post,"). I notice that a small sandbagged emplacement just outside Marlborough House has been christened "Hitler Haven," with a very good caricature of that gentleman.

The grounds of Chelsea Hospital have a shelter labelled "Hotel von Berchtesgaden." Nearby are "Ribbentrop Refuge" and "Refuge Entente Cordiale." I noticed a trench called "Hitler Hollow" and another called "Berlin Trenches, Ltd." "Chamberlain Chamber" is a West End shelter under an office building.

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Gallant Action

ONE of Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Spence-Lyne's many stories was an outstanding incident when Lieut.-Cmdr. Warwick, was carrying out a sweep in the war channel with a section of sweepers. It chanced that a blizzard came down upon him almost at the same time that he found himself in a minefield in which one or two of his vessels were blown up. With the on-coming traffic something had to be done to avert a serious situation and possibly disaster. Warwick promptly by sound signal ordered his section to anchor, and well knowing the risk he was taking in his own ship, turned back through the minefield to warn the oncoming traffic. "That was just an example," writes Sir Thomas, "of the readiness of resource shown by the leaders of sections in our force."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

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Yesterday	Min. 41.7	Max. 45.9
Same date, 1939	Min. 38.5	Max. 42.6

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 19th:—High and steady pressure over China and Japan. Depression crossing the Eastern Sea, east by north. North-easterly to south-easterly winds along the China Coast. Cloudy to overcast weather.

State on the morning of the 20th:—Overcast and rainy weather. Northerly wind. High and rising pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, cloudy and colder weather with strong north-westerly to northerly winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy and colder with strong north-westerly to north-easterly winds over our regions and the Eastern Sea. Rainy in the south.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Commons Informed of Altmark Rescue

Mr. Chamberlain Praises Action of Royal Navy; Norwegian Allegations Refuted; Many Requests For Proper Search Refused; Action Justified

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

ANSWERING Norwegian arguments regarding the alleged infringement of neutrality and stating that the incident added to the glorious annals of the Royal Navy, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, in the House of Commons today, made lengthy reference to the rescue by H.M.S. Cossack of the British mercantile marine officers and men from the German ship Altmark, which was trapped in a Norwegian fjord.

The Prime Minister opened his speech by referring to the "admirably conducted operation" which resulted in the rescue of 299 officers and men belonging to British merchant vessels sunk by the German pocket battleship Graf Spee.

These prisoners, he said, had been closely confined for periods up to more than three months. The Government was awaiting full reports from the naval officers regarding the affair, but he expressed the view that members of the House would join with him in voicing the satisfaction that they felt over the release of these officers and men. He expressed the desire to congratulate the Royal Navy most heartily on the release of these prisoners which added to the glorious annals of the navy.

Search Was Refused

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to the original Norwegian protest and he added that since then no official communication had been received by the British Government from Norway, but he desired to make a few comments on the statement of the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Professor Koht. He reviewed the reported stoppage and search of the Altmark at Bergen but investigations showed that the Altmark did not call at Berger but merely stopped at the behest of a Norwegian torpedo boat. The Altmark refused to permit a search which the Professor Koht had stated the torpedo boat was entitled to do, and said that the Norwegian authorities conducted some form of examination of the Altmark, but this examination was perfunctory for it did not reveal the presence of prisoners on board.

The Prime Minister continued that the Altmark had used her wireless in Norwegian territorial waters contrary to neutrality laws. Before taking action, officers of the British ships invited the Norwegian officers on the spot to take the Altmark back to Bergen for investigation but this offer was refused. Then the British officer invited the Norwegian officers to accompany him on board the Altmark, but this was refused.

Reported In Newspapers

Three or four requests to carry out a proper investigation of the case were made and British action was taken only after Norwegian refusals. If the Norwegian officers had consented the Altmark would have gone to Bergen and if no prisoners had been found on board she would have gone free, he said.

The Prime Minister pointed out that the Oslo newspapers had referred for weeks to the presence of prisoners on board the Altmark, and he could not but regard the Norwegian Foreign Minister's statement that the Norwegian authorities did not know of the presence of these British prisoners on board as a most surprising statement.

No Examination Made

"We had imagined that the Norwegian authorities had conducted some examination of the Altmark and our complaint was that this examination had been so perfunctory that it had not revealed the presence of British prisoners on board," said Mr. Chamberlain. Now it appeared, he added, that the Norwegian authorities conducted no examination of the ship at all. "I find it difficult in the circumstances to resist the conclusion that the Norwegian authorities have displayed complete indifference as to the use which might be made of their territorial waters by the German fleet."

M. Koht's statement that there was no rule in international law prohibiting the carrying of prisoners in neutral waters, Mr. Chamberlain answered by saying this meant German ships carrying prisoners to Germany could purposely escape British vessels by using hundreds of miles of Norway's coastal waters.

Copenhagen Parley Closely Watched

French Observers Note Tendencies Forcing New Scandinavian Attitude

Paris, Feb. 19.

The Scandinavian conference to open in Copenhagen on Saturday, February 24, took the spotlight on the stage of European politics today as important conclusions may be expected.

French political quarters particularly noted that Finland will not be represented at the gathering this time. Another point they emphasized was the approach of hostilities closer to Sweden and Norway since the last Scandinavian conference. The Altmark incident is also of importance, they declared, for it shows the northern nations that while the Allies are law abiding, they do not intend to allow incidents such as that of the Altmark to recur.

Both in Sweden and Norway, marked differences have appeared between the sentiments of the people and the policies of the Government as far as aid to Finland is concerned.

French quarters pointed out that the northern neutrals always considered Russia as the only possible danger to their security and that their safety was founded on German-Soviet enmity. In past times, it was to Germany's interest to maintain her advanced positions in the Baltic and thus block the Soviet advance to the Atlantic. Recent Soviet-German collusion, however, upset the applecart as far as the Scandinavians are concerned, and their position now is critical.

Sweden's passive attitude since the outbreak of war and Norway's policy of favouring Germany by permitting German shipping to capitalize on the neutrality of her waters, were attributed today to these nations' desire to continue playing off Germany against Russia.

A further incentive to remain "friendly" toward Germany was the Reich's threats, French quarters stated.

Today, however, the Scandinavian Governments can see that the Allies, too, are resolved. Their substantial help to Finland, and the Finns' great victory at Syskyjaervi, therefore may exert decisive influence on the future policy of the neutrals.—Havas.

Senator Donahey Leaves Ohio Primaries

"Third Term" Advocate Opens Door for Major Test

Washington, Feb. 20.

Senator Vic Donahey, Democrat of Ohio, today bowed out of the Ohio Democratic Presidential primary elections as the state's "favourite son," leaving Ohio's 52 delegates "prize" free for all who enter the scramble.

Mr. John N. Garner, the Vice-President, is expected to enter the Ohio primaries since his managers indicated he would enter the slate if Senator Donahey withdrew.

Mr. Paul V. McNutt, Federal Securities Administrator was also expected to enter the Ohio elections if Mr. Garner did, thereby providing the first real test of the strength of both the Garner and McNutt factions.

Mr. Charles Sawyer, Democratic committeeman, who was expected to be Ohio's second choice for "favourite son" candidate, is an avowed member of the "Roosevelt-for-third term" clique. The Ohio delegation to the Democratic Convention in Chicago will probably be pledged to give Mr. Sawyer a complimentary vote and then switch to the "third term band wagon," political observers believed.

If the Ohio delegates agree to support President Roosevelt for a third term, Mr. McNutt's associates indicated it was unlikely that the Federal Securities Administrator would enter the Presidential race.—United Press.

Argentine Mission Head Received in Audience

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Don Federico M. Quintana, head of the Argentine Economic Mission to Japan, was received in audience by the Emperor at 10.30 o'clock this morning. The Argentine Mission arrived in Japan last Saturday.

His Majesty, at noon, received in audience three Japanese diplomats until recently stationed abroad. They were Mr. Shuichi Sakoh, former Ambassador to Poland; Mr. Toshio Shiratori, former Ambassador to Italy, and Major-Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, former Ambassador to Germany. The diplomats were also the guests of His Majesty at luncheon.—Domei.

Turkey Applies National Defence Law

Ankara, Feb. 20.

The Trukish Cabinet yesterday applied the National Defence Law giving virtual dictatorial powers to the Government. This was interpreted as meaning that Turkey feels that she and the Allies are menaced in the Balkans and the Near East.—United Press.

California Clipper Due

Manila, Feb. 20.

The California Clipper is to arrive Hongkong tomorrow and will return to Manila on Thursday, leaving for the United States on Saturday. Airmail closes at 9 p.m. February 23.—United Press.

Storthing of Norway Backs Protest Note

Britain Charged With Violating Neutrality; Plea to World Opinion

Oslo, Feb. 19.

The accusation that Norwegian neutrality was crossly violated in the Altmark incident was levelled at the British Government today by the Norwegian Foreign Minister, M. Halvdan Koht, during a speech before the Norwegian Storting (Parliament).

The Storting unanimously approved the Government's declarations.

Commenting on the rescue of between 300 and 400 British prisoners-of-war from the Altmark within Norwegian territorial waters, he asserted: "British warships were responsible for a gross violation of Norway's neutrality in the case of the Altmark.

"It appears as if the British Government meant that in this case they were entitled to put aside international law and take no regard of a smaller country which has no other aim than to maintain its neutrality."

M. Koht declared that Norway has no military forces, but added: "We can, however, protest, and we can also bring such a case before the League of Nations to make clear to the whole world exactly what happened. We can appeal to world opinion."

Reply to British Argument

Replying to British arguments that H.M.S. Cossack was within her rights in rescuing the British prisoners from their captivity, he stated: "There is no rule in international law prohibiting a belligerent power to convoy prisoners through neutral territory as long as the passage itself is legal.

"The Altmark was a Reichsdienstschiff and had served Germany, accordingly she was to be considered as a warship, in conformity with international law.

"She came into Norwegian territorial waters on February 14 off Trondheim Fiord, a Norwegian torpedo-boat commander then demanded to examine the vessel and the captain of the Altmark agreed.

"Warships," the Norwegian Foreign Minister said, "are not liable to inspection and the Norwegian commander had only the right to ascertain that the vessel really was the Altmark. He learned this by reading the papers of the vessel. The Norwegian officer was informed that the Altmark carried anti-aircraft guns.

"The commander of the Naval Station at Bergen, feeling that he had not obtained full information, sent another Norwegian warship to meet the Altmark on February 15 about 100 nautical miles north of Bergen.

"The Norwegian warship claimed the right to examine the Altmark, but the captain refused with full legal rights, as I have already said. The question was accordingly dropped.

Apology for Using Wireless

"When it was found that the Altmark used her wireless, she was told that she was not entitled to do so and the captain of the ship then apologized," M. Koht continued.

"The Altmark was off Jaeren when it was reported that British planes were nearby. We did not know exactly, however, whether they were inside Norwegian territorial waters or not."

There was no need, the Foreign Minister concluded, for him to go into the details of the arrival of British warship close to the Altmark, the fighting at Joering Fiord and the consequent Norwegian protest.

M. C. J. Hambro, Conservative Speaker of the Storting, then rose and in a brief statement declared that the whole Norwegian nation supports the Government and its Note of protest to Britain.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Storting held a conference today with members of the Government and experts in international law to discuss, it was believed, the Altmark problem.—Havas.

League Surprised

Geneva, Feb. 20.

League of Nations circles were today astonished over the report that Norway intends to submit the Altmark dispute to the League.

They suggested that Norway should merely ask the League Council to request the Hague World Court's opinion as Norway would be unable to submit the case directly to the Hague Court because Britain had denounced the optional clause for war disputes.—United Press.

Mr. Winston Churchill Calls on R.A.F.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, called on the Royal Air Force during his recent visit to France. Here he is with some of the senior officers. Second from the right is Group-Captain H. S. Kerby, former British Air Attache in Shanghai, who now has an active command in France.

France Supports British Protest To Norway Over Altmark

Royal Navy's Rescue Action Wins Approval Throughout World; German Anger Misplaced

Paris, Feb. 20.

THE spirit and form of Britain's protest to Norway over the Altmark affair are entirely approved here. In the opinion of well-informed observers, Norway, like Sweden, appears to be adopting an attitude of "passive neutrality," but it is stressed that neutrality involves duties, and passivity is not neutrality. Norway's attitude over the Altmark incident, and Sweden's refusal of Finland's request for military aid, are considered to have similar aspects. It is held that their passivity means, in effect, that they are submitting, without reaction, to the pressure the Germans are putting on them.

In the Altmark affair, it is pointed out in official circles in London that Norwegian seamen, through their union and the officers' association, presented a resolution to the Norwegian Foreign Office on February 15 protesting against Nazi sea warfare, which is being waged, it is said, "with the prime object of terrorizing neutral shipping." The resolution enumerated recent sinkings, "which must be condemned as demonstrably conflicting with international law and human feeling."

The steamer Songa, for example, proceeding from an American to a neutral European port, the resolution said, was sunk in the Atlantic, and her crew was driven into open boats, in mid-winter. Secondly, it continued, the sinking of the steamer Tempo was "the most monstrous thing imaginable. She was sunk by German aeroplanes, which shot at the crew in boats." The resolution concluded by urging members not to man ships carrying cargo to the belligerent which had declared its pride in war against, and aimless murder of, defenceless seamen.—Reuter.

Amsterdam "Telegraaf" View

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.

In an article on the Altmark incident the Dutch newspaper "Telegraaf" blames the carelessness of the Norwegian authorities.

"The Norwegian Government is mainly to blame for the difficulties in which it now finds itself. We are unable to understand the comment of the Norwegian authorities that they did not find on board the Altmark several hundred British prisoners." No one of the three parties concerned are totally without responsibility, the "Telegraaf" concluded, but the largest share of the guilt certainly falls on Norway.—Havas.

Vatican Organ Praises Britain

Vatican City, Feb. 19.

The superficial character of the search made by the Norwegian authorities of the German prisonship Altmark, and their refusal to renew the search at the request of the British officers, were stressed as having an important bearing on the case by the "Osservatore Romano," basing its views on the British version of the "violation" of Norway's waters. International law, the paper declared, does not permit the transformation of merchant vessels into warships. Finally, the Vatican City organ paid tribute to the "elan and ability" that has characterized the British sea-men since the time of Nelson.—Havas.

Cairo Press Endorsement

London, Feb. 20.

Two independent Cairo newspapers, "Al Mokattam," one of the leading Arabic papers, and "Al Balagh," yesterday published editorials justifying the British action in the Altmark incident, according to a special commentary issued here today.

The newspapers describe the British action as the greatest feat after the battle with the Admiral Graf Spee, depriving Germany of the fruits of piracy. At the same time, they repudiate the reference by Germany to international law, after its repeated violations by the Reich.—Reuter.

New York Press Views

New York, Feb. 20.

New York newspapers yesterday backed the British action in entering Norwegian waters to liberate British prisoners aboard the German steamship Altmark.

"Germany screams bloody murder and promises dire reprisals," the "New York World Telegram" said, "but what would Germany do if her own warships trapped a British naval vessel full of captured Germans using neutral waters on a perjured pretense?"

The "New York Sun" declared, "The raid was daringly conceived and brilliantly carried out. Obviously the British secret service operated in a very efficient manner. The explanation (of the raid in Norwegian waters) is to be found in three letters.—war."—United Press.

Norwegian Suggestion

Oslo, Feb. 20.

The Norwegian press yesterday urged the Government to propose that President Roosevelt preside over an arbitration court composed of neutral experts to decide the rights in the Altmark case.

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Nazis Sink Fifteen Neutral Ships

Biggest Toll of Naval War Recorded; Further U-Boat Victims Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

Losses of British and neutral ships, due to German action, for the week ending on midnight February 18-19, was twenty ships, totalling 86,077 tons, the largest tonnage sunk in one week since war began. Reuter learns from an authoritative source that the losses were made up of five British ships, totalling 39,276 tons, and fifteen neutral vessels, totalling 46,801 tons.

A number of trawlers are believed to have been attacked off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday by German planes, but it is not known whether any damage was inflicted. The raiding aircraft flew away when R.A.F. planes tried to intercept them.

The British vessel Imperial Transport, 8,022 tons, has been torpedoed in the North Atlantic. Two of the crew were drowned when the ship was abandoned.

Capture of Ships Confirmed

The German steamer Morea (3,000 tons) was captured yesterday with a cargo of manganese ore while trying to run the British blockade from Spain, and was brought into a British port, it was confirmed today. Last week the French Navy captured the German steamer Rostock (2,542 tons) while bound for Germany with a 2,000-ton cargo of bauxite, turpentine and anchovies, and took her to a French port.

The Netherlands Government, it is learned from The Hague, has protested to Berlin against the torpedoing of the Dutch steamer Arendskerk on January 15. The 8,000-ton vessel was sunk in the Bay of Biscay after being searched. She carried 4,000 tons of cargo. Her crew of 65 men were saved by an Italian steamer.

Greek Ship Torpedoed

Two neutral ships were lost at sea yesterday off the Spanish coast with the loss of over 22 lives. They were the Spanish steamer Banderas (2,000 tons), which went down following an explosion six miles off Cape Villano, and the Greek steamer Elli (1,100 tons), which was torpedoed by a U-boat 60 miles off Cape Finisterre while on her way from Cardiff to Greece with a cargo of coal.

While the Bandoras lost 22 of her crew of 29, the Elli was more fortunate, as her entire crew of 26 took to boats and were saved by a Corunna fishing-boat, but they had all to be sent to hospital. It is stated that after the crew left the ship, the U-boat completed the destruction of the Elli with a second torpedo.

The owners of the Norwegian steamer Eika (1,503 tons), received information today, through the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that the vessel was torpedoed without warning on January 29, and that only two members of the crew were saved by the U-boat.—Reuter.

Germans to Sail in Japan Ship

San Pedro (Calif.), Feb. 19.

Forty German seamen whose vessels are blockaded in Mexican ports were due to embark today on the Japanese trans-Pacific passenger ship Heiyo Maru, which was to leave this evening for Japan. The German seamen, it was learned, intended to try and reach Germany via the Far East.—Havas.

Allies Hunt U-boats

Paris, Feb. 20.

Naval quarters announced yesterday that French and British patrol ships had launched several attacks against German submarines.—Havas.

Norway Announces German Decision to Avoid War Action in Her Waters

Oslo Informs Wilhelmstrasse of Intention to Appeal to League of Nations on Altmark Case

Berlin, Feb. 20.

The Norwegian Minister, M. Arne Scheel, handed an aide memoire to the German Foreign Office yesterday reviewing the Altmark incident and stating that Norway intended to submit the case to the League of Nations, authoritative sources confirmed last night.—United Press.

Nazis Avoid Breach with Norway

Zurich, Feb. 20.

While the Altmark incident is still the most discussed affair in Berlin, there are no signs of direct complications arising between Germany and Norway. The German press continues its attacks against Britain but is careful to avoid criticizing Norway.

The German spokesman does not deny that the Altmark was an "escort ship" to the Admiral Graf Spee, pocket-battleship, and with British prisoners aboard, had entered Norwegian waters, flying the Reich flag.

The spokesman declared this was an absolutely fair and permissible action.—Reuter.

German Assurance to Norway

Oslo, Feb. 19.

German naval forces have been instructed to abstain from all war action in neutral waters and to respect Norway's three-mile territorial limit, the Wilhelmstrasse informed the Norwegian Government, the Foreign Ministry here announced today.

In mid-January, it stated explaining the sudden announcement, Norway requested the German Government to investigate and inform it whether German naval units were responsible for the sinking of the British steamers Thomas Walton and Deptford and the Greek vessel, Garoufalia, off the Norwegian coast. Norway at the time declared her confidence that if the sinkings were due to German naval action, the German Government would give assurances that no further incidents would occur in the future in Norwegian waters.

On February 6, the Foreign Ministry's statement ended, such assurances were received and the German Government at the same time denied that any of the three sinkings cited was due to German naval action.—Havas.

German Decision Expected

Copenhagen, Feb. 19.

The German investigation of the Altmark affair will be concluded shortly and the German Government will then announce "important decisions" which, the "Berlingske Tidende," Berlin correspondent foreshadowed, will be more of a political than a military nature.—Havas.

British Leaders to Broadcast

London, Feb. 20.

The Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will broadcast over the B.B.C. on February 22 at 3 p.m. (Shanghai time, 11 p.m.) He will speak on Colonial development.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will also make a broadcast over the B.B.C. on February 24 at 2.30 p.m. (Shanghai time, 10.30 p.m.). He will speak from Birmingham. Both broadcasts will be made in the overseas service, transmission No. 3.—Reuter.

Bombing of Line Brings Protest

French Ambassador Calls On Tokyo Foreign Office; Flying Parleys Ended

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The French Ambassador to Tokyo, M. Charles Arsene-Henry, today called on Mr. Masayuki Tani, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the Foreign Office and was understood to have filed representations against the damage caused by Japanese bombing planes which raided the French-owned Yunnan Railway on numerous occasions this month.—United Press.

Negotiations Suspended

Paris, Feb. 20.

France has broken off negotiations with Japan regarding the authorization for Japanese planes to fly over French Indo-China, it was understood here last night.

It was understood the action was a reprisal against the Japanese failure to reply to two protests against the bombing of the Yunnan Railway by Japanese planes recently. No new protest will be dispatched to Japan by France regarding a third bombing of the railway, in view of the fact that Japan did not reply to the two original demarches, it was believed.—United Press.

Situation Unchanged

Washington, Feb. 19.

The U.S. State Department to date has received no Japanese reply to the representations made three weeks ago regarding Japanese aerial bombardment of the Yunnan Railway the Secretary of state, Mr. Cordell Hull, declared today.

He made no comment, newspapermen noted, on declarations made by a Gaimusho spokesman to the effect that Japan now is awaiting a "conciliatory gesture" from the United States. Mr. Hull stated merely that the American-Japanese situation has not changed in recent days.—Havas.

Greek Envoy in Paris Given Signal Honour

Athens, Feb. 19.

In recognition for his exceptional services to the Greek State, M. Nicolas Politis, Greek Minister in Paris, was appointed on reaching the retirement age today to be Juridical Counsellor of all Greek Embassies and Legations with the rank of Resident Ambassador in Paris. M. Politis will thus be able to continue serving the Greek Government. The diplomat is well-known throughout the world and was at one time President of the Council of the League of Nations.—Havas.

Finns Annihilate Russian 18th Division on Ladoga Front

Endurance Rewarded in Recapture of Strategic Flank, Rich Booty; Red Onslaughts Weakening

Helsinki, Feb. 20.

COMPLETE destruction of the Russian 18th Division, which was cut off from the Soviet main army on the front north-east of Lake Ladoga some two weeks ago, is claimed in a Finnish communique. Altogether 18,000 Russians were either killed or taken prisoner. Finland was subjected to mass air raids on Sunday when the number of Russian planes which flew over the country is believed to have been the highest on record, and the Finns claim that at least 20 were brought down.

In a survey of the fighting on the Karelian Isthmus, where the hard-pressed Finns are having a much-needed rest following a respite in the Russian offensive, neutral press correspondents declare that the Russian advance towards Viipuri (Viborg) means that the right flank of the Finns has been pushed back. If the Russia attacks on the left flank north-east of Lake Ladoga had succeeded, the strategic position of the Finns would have been extremely critical.

There can be no fear of further Russian action in the "wasp waist," as the Soviet 54th Division, and the Siberian ski battalion which tried to relieve it, have lost so heavily that they will be unable to act in sympathy with other parts of the front. Finland's weakness, the correspondents state, is on the right flank covering Viipuri.

The Russians, they add, will have to undertake considerable preliminary work before they can stage the second phase of the offensive, and in this they are bound to be frequently interrupted by the Finnish air force, which is much stronger than at the outbreak of war.

Rich Booty Captured

The Finns, in a communique, declare that "enemy attacks between the Gulf of Finland and Vuoksen yesterday were repulsed" and claim victories south-east of Salmenkoita, "where 31 guns were captured, and north-east of Lake Ladoga, where the booty included 20 tanks, 36 heavy guns and 17 tractors. Around Taipale, the enemy attacked about midday, and fighting continues."

The same communique says the Finnish air force on Sunday successfully carried out several reconnaissance and bombing flights over and behind the Russian lines. Numerous air battles ended successfully for Finnish machines. Russian planes were active in the war zone and in the interior of the country, "whe they bombed many towns, destroying houses and killing and wou number of civilians."

"It is confirmed" the communique adds, "that 20 Russian planes were brought down and, in addition, it is believed that four others were sho down. During one raid Soviet airmen tried to machine-gun civilians."—Reuter.

Finns Making Terrific Attack

Stockholm, Feb. 20.

It is reliably learned from Helsinki that Marshal Mannerheim's troops are training terrific hammer blows on Red Army forces on the Lake Ladoga front. A Russian division north-east of Lake Ladoga has been cut off from its base.—Reuter.

Strategic Ground Recaptured

Helsinki, Feb. 19.

Eighteen thousand Soviet soldiers comprising the 18th Division of the Red Army were either killed or made prisoners-of-war when surrounded close to strategic Syskyjaervi, north-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finnish General Staff announced tonight. This victory, the most resounding of the eleven-week Soviet-Finnish hostilities, was declared by the General Staff to be all the more notable in that the 18th Division only lately had received reinforcements.

War material captured by the victorious Finns included 100 tanks, 58 field guns, 60 machine-guns, 75 tractors, twelve anti-aircraft guns, 44 field kitchens and 225 motor vehicles. A comparatively small number of machine-guns was seized because most Soviet machine-gun nests were destroyed outright.

The colours of the 18th Division was captured. It shows a map of the world with Yaroslav, the home town of the division, clearly marked. Hammer and sickle hover above, while a bayonet runs through Yaroslav and, piercing Scandinavia, touches Norway.

A later communique announced that Soviet warplanes today bombed Abo, Hangoe, Iisalmi, Hapamaki, Kouvola, Loiman, Rihimaki, Viipuri and Joensbu. No casualties were reported in the first news flashes.

Finns' Endurance Rewarded

"There was no pitched battle to mark the great victory the Finns won near Syskyjaervi. It was rather a case of Finnish patience and endurance wearing down and eventually wiping out the Soviets," the Havas correspondent in the war zone reported today. Operations undertaken by the Finns in that region north-east of Lake Ladoga were not on a large scale, for conditions there do not permit any really vast military operations. In the course of weeks, however, the Finns weakened their enemy by intercepting and annihilating supply convoys which tried to

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Gallant Resistance of Finns Bringing Consequences to German Economy

Russia Absorbs Supplies Intended for Reich; Finland's Resources Swallowed Up in Conflict

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

Informed London circles express the opinion that the Nazi Government cannot view the Finnish Army's heroic resistance to the Russian invasion with any pleasure, considering the effects of the Russo-Finnish war on Germany's war-time economy.

The Russian output of oil, metals and textiles, all of which might have been available for export to Germany, is likely to be absorbed in supplying the Russian Armies, while there is evidence that railway rolling stock is being diverted northwards to carry on the campaign, thus making all transport to Germany more difficult.

A secondary adverse result is to be found in the difficulty Germany has in obtaining Russian phosphates, which she badly needs for agricultural purposes, and in which Germany is quite deficient.

Neither will Germany's metal shortage be relieved by Finland, in spite of the announcement of intended resumption of trade.

Recent developments of Finland's mineral deposits will probably be unable to be resumed for some time, and the 14,000 tons of copper which Finland yearly exported to Germany, now cut off by the war from 97 per cent. of the world supply, will be sadly missed.

Any Nazi who listened to the Moscow broadcast on December 27 must have done so with mixed feelings, realizing how easily peaceful trade could have been developed with Finland, which the Russian broadcaster, to quote the German paper "Deutschewehr," described as a "veritable mineral storehouse."—British Official Wireless.

King Gustav Gives Sweden's Stand

Refusal to Give Armed Aid to Finland Openly Endorsed Before Public

Stockholm, Feb. 20.

King Gustaf issued a statement endorsing the Swedish Government's refusal to give military aid to Finland.

The King expresses the greatest admiration for "our Finnish brothers' fight," and points out that Sweden has tried to help in many ways. From the first, he asserts, it was made clear that Finland could not expect military assistance.

"With sorrow in my heart," the King said, "I decided, after reviewing the problem, that we must adhere to this attitude. Otherwise, Sweden will run the greatest risk of being drawn into a war not only with Russia, but with the great Powers, in which case it might become impossible for Sweden to give Finland even the help which she is now receiving."—Reuter.

King Takes Initiative

Stockholm, Feb. 20.

Before issuing the extraordinary proclamation declaring that Sweden will not intervene with military forces in behalf of Finland in the war against Russia, King Gustaf took the initiative in assembling the Crown Council in extraordinary session. He said that he felt the statement last week of the Premier, Per Albin Hanssen, did not sufficiently clarify that the King and the entire Cabinet were in agreement. Therefore, he declared, there was an open division of public opinion over the question of aid to Finland.

The King directly inferred that other powers have indicated they would give active military aid for Finland would be the *casus belli* which would involve Sweden in the European war.

It was disclosed that King Gustaf went against the wishes of both the Cabinet and the Crown Council in order to inform the people of the reasons for the Government's decision.

The "Stockholm Allehandra" yesterday said the "alarm clouds over Scandinavia are becoming very dark."

In an editorial the newspaper said, "From the east the Russian attacks on Finland grow more and more dangerous for Sweden and in the west an event has occurred which not only sharpened the bitterness between England and Germany, but placed Norway in an extraordinarily difficult position. But the consequences of the Altmark affair affect the whole Scandinavian neutrality, not only Norway. Meanwhile, Norway can answer that nobody can protect herself against conscious violation of neutrality with superior force."—United Press.

Canada's Army Now Over 90,000 Men

Economic Strength Also Vastly Increased

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Ottawa, Feb. 20.

Canada's combined military, naval and air force strength has reached over 90,000 men, according to an announcement by the National Department.—Reuter.

Growing Economic Strength

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

Some indication of Canada's growing strength and consequently, the increasing resources available for the British Commonwealth's war effort, may be realized from figures published in the "Economist."

Compared with December, 1938, the figures for which were $68,888,000, December, 1939 shows a 47 per cent. rise in the value of exports, at $101,021,522. Taking the four month period from the outbreak of war, the figure for domestic exports is $370,078,739, compared with $317,342,243 for the same period in 1938. This shows an increase of 17 per cent.

The gross value of agricultural production for 1939 reached the total of $1,133,545,000, representing the highest recorded figure since 1930, and an advance of £97,000,000 over 1938.—British Official Wireless.

U.S. Industry Shows Signs of Slump

Foreign Capital Influx Has Adverse Effect

Washington, Feb. 19.

The industrial machine of the United States faltered in January and the first fortnight this month, the Federal Reserve Board reported today. Supporting this unfavourable trend was the report of the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, that the 1939 balance of foreign trade by this country was 24 per cent. below that of 1938.

He also reported a heavy and persistent inflow of foreign capital. The Reserve Board reported that the volume of industrial production dropped from the 128 level reached in December to 120 in January and that the slump was continuing into February.—United Press.

Japanese Active in Yangtze And East Chekiang

Local Operations Undertaken to Remove Pressure; Conflicting Reports on Nanning

JAPANESE forces launched operations at dawn Monday along the south bank of the Yangtze, above Wuhu, Japanese military sources in Shanghai disclosed last night. Breaking through a concentration of about 1,000 Chinese troops, the Japanese forces were making rapid progress towards their objective, which was not disclosed. With two other Japanese columns, stationed in other areas, launching operations in concert with the effectives above Wuhu, Chinese troops stationed from Eastern Chekiang in the east to the Tsinyang area in southern Anhwei were reported to have been plunged into confusion.

Meanwhile a Japanese Army spokesman announced that operations launched by Japanese forces on February 15 in areas south of Siaoshan, in eastern Chekiang province, as well as other points, "for the purpose of destroying enemy troops showing signs of activity," were making satisfactory progress.

The spokesman recalled that after clearing areas south west of Lake Tai and in Eastern Chekiang of anti-Japanese troops, the Japanese forces had given the Chinese in that district "an opportunity to reconsider." The Japanese Army had retained Siaoshan in order to assure the effective maintenance of peace and order, he added.

"However, Gen. Liu Chien-hsu's troops and other forces, who had been spared our attacks, instigated by lies from Chungking and encouraged to fight, began to engage in operations, in disregard of our generosity and the ardent desire of the people of East Chekiang to live in peace. As announced previously, the Japanese Army, taking advantage of the concentration of the enemy in Eastern Chekiang dealt them thorough retribution," the spokesman said.

It was understood that the Japanese objective of enveloping the Chinese east of the Puyang River, a Chientang River tributary running parallel to the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, was achieved by Monday.—Domei.

Fighting Reported Near Nanning

Chungking, Feb. 20.

Fighting in the Nanning area is still going on at Santang, ten miles north-east of Nanning, on the highway to Pingyang, according to Chinese reports. Japanese forces at Santang are resisting the Chinese advance on Nanning behind strongly fortified positions, the reports add.

It is now learned that the main body of the Japanese forces landed at Haicheng, opposite Amoy, on February 17, comprise Chinese puppet troops under Huang Ta-wei, who recently invaded Tungshan and Chaoan.

Chinese reports received here state that 1,800 of these troops, under Hu Lai-pu (Commander of the Bodyguards Regiment) and Chen Ching-jui (Commander of the Special Service Regiment), mutinied at noon yesterday and joined the Chinese forces. They are alleged to have brought with them 1,500 rifles and 20 machine-guns and military supplies. The troops are said to be being transported to the interior for reorganization and training.

Chinese reports add that the remainder of the troops under Huang Ta-wei are "encircled at Chingyang," east of Kangpei, which is situated south-east of Haicheng.

It is reported here that a further mutiny of puppet troops has taken place at Lanfeng, in Honan, on the Lunghai Railway, east of Kaifeng. Over 500 puppet troops under Liu Ching-lin, stationed at Lanfeng, mutinied on the night of February 6, killing several Japanese officers and advisers, the Chinese report states.

It is reported that Japanese troops immediately attempted to suppress the uprising. After an engagement with the Japanese and also setting fire to barracks and supplies, the mutineers are said to have joined Chinese forces on February 7.

The commander, Liu Ching-lin, according to the Chinese report, was himself killed in the course of fighting with the Japanese. His men are said to have been sent to the rear for reorganization.—Reuter.

Japanese Report Quiet

Nanning, Feb. 20.

Quiet continued to prevail in Nanning and its vicinity today, despite persistent Chinese reports of the approach of their forces to this strategic city. Rifle and gunfire has been inaudible here for several weeks while increasingly cordial relations between Japanese troops and the Chinese inhabitants are noticeable.

The 11 third-party nationals, who comprise Nanning's non-Japanese foreign community, are frequently seen on the streets. The Right Reverend Mgr. J. Albouy, Catholic Vicar Apostolic, frequently halts during his walks to chat with Japanese soldiers in English. The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Albouy, who is French, has lived here for more than 40 years. Other third-party nationals include seven French, two Britons, and one American. There are three foreign churches and hospitals here.

Six hundred Chinese refugees are now housed in the Catholic Mission compound.—Domei.

Altmark Captain Tells Story

No Resistance Made by Unarmed Germans; Flat Denial of Having Fired

Joessingfjord, Feb. 20.

The skipper of the Altmark, Captain Heinrich Dau, today declared that the members of his crew were unarmed and therefore did not attempt to put up any resistance when the British landing party from H.M.S. Cossack boarded his vessel.

"I knew in advance that any defence would be senseless," he said. "In any case, I was determined not to put us in the wrong by so doing in neutral waters. Any statement that we fired is a sheer lie."

He admitted that the Altmark for two months acted as a provision ship to the scuttled Admiral Graf Spee, which placed the survivors of ships it sank aboard the Altmark.

The German captain insisted that the British prisoners were "given exactly the same food as our crew. They really were not prisoners at all, but were rescued mariners being taken to Germany for internment just as the British have done with our sailors."

The Fourth Officer of the Altmark, Joachim Weichert, said that he believed the British boarding party shot the crew members of the German ship because they were nervous and feared that the Germans would blow up the ship.

"While we were on the bridge, we heard fearful noises and shooting. We saw English sailors armed with automatic pistols shooting indiscriminately at the crew members who were completely unarmed since there were absolutely no weapons aboard the Altmark," he said.—United Press.

Altmark Ex-Prisoners Interviewed

Ship Said Armed with Two Pom-Poms, Machine-Guns

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

Some of the rescued British sailors from the Altmark visited a press bureau in London yesterday afternoon and gave their experiences.

One of them, an Australian, said he was taken aboard the Altmark on December 7, five days after the sinking of his ship. The following day, the men were paraded on deck, and the German captain made a short speech, in the course of which he said: "Your Government has taken away our Colonies, and we will get them back," in reply to which a murmur ran round the British sailors of "perhaps."

The German captain, the Australian sailor continued, also maintained that the Boers were being ill-treated, and, in the words of the narrator, the captain was given "a raspberry," to which he is reported to have replied: "That does not impress me in the least."

Asked regarding the arming of the Altmark, the sailor said all Germans carried revolvers, while the ship had two pom-poms (long-range Maxim automatic quick-firing guns), a number of machine-guns and a cargo of shells which were far too large for either class of weapon.—Reuter.

Dalai Lama Ceremony Simplified

Lot-Drawing from Golden Urn Abolished

Chungking, Feb. 20.

The enthronement of the new Dalai Lama, on February 22, will strengthen the ties betwen Chungking and Lhasa, it is considered by Chinese circles here.

The boy Dalai Lama was found near the Taerssu lamaist centre in Kokonor province, but owing to initial difficulties in getting the boy to proceed to Lhasa, the Tibetan Regent announced that two other candidates had been discovered.

According to usual practice, a new Dalai Lama is chosen by the drawing of lots from a golden urn, presented by the Emperor Chien Lung, 150 years ago. When General Wu Chung-hsin, Chairman of the Tibetan-Mongolian Affairs Commission of the Chinese National Government, arrived in Lhasa, however, he is said immediately to have conferred with the Tibetan Regent, with the result that an agreement was reached to do away with the lot-drawing ceremony, and to appoint the boy from Kokonor as the new Dalai Lama.

This agreement was confirmed by the Tungdo, or National Assembly of ecclesiastical and lay officials, as well as abbots of three of the largest monasteries in Tibet. Chinese circles are said to hail this decision as an important development in Chinese and Tibetan relations.—Reuter.

Chinese Minister to Visit Burma

Chungking, Feb. 20.

Mr. T. K. Tseng, Administrative Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, is on his way to Burma, according to an official Chinese report. He has left for Kunming by air, it is stated, and from that town, will travel to Burma by road. Mr. Tseng is expected to stay some time in the Northern Shan states.

The Vice-Minister is a member of the Board of Directors of the Sino-Burmese Cultural Association, and is reported to have travelled to and from Burma on several occasions in the past year.—Reuter.

Manchoukuo to Protest To Britain

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Manchoukuo has decided to lodge a protest with the British Government against the British seizure of German exports aboard neutral vessels after consultation with the Japanese Government, dispatches from Hsinking said today. The reason for Manchoukuo's decision was the fear that it would not be able to receive large orders of machinery placed with Germany because of stringent British measures to confiscate German exports.—United Press.

Finns Annihilate Russian 18th Division on Ladoga Front

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reach their practically encircled comrades. Only a comparatively limited number of reinforcements managed to get through," the correspondent declared.

Reds Still Hold Forces in Reserve

"The Finnish victory has regained for the Finns a rectangle of strategically placed territory which previously they had to cede to the overwhelming Soviet forces. The ground recaptured now is just a few kilometres to the north of Koirinuia.

"Finnish forces gathered there a few days ago for the final determined assault which brought them their brilliant victory. Though not spectacular, this victory is noteworthy for it was won with surprisingly small Finnish losses. The Finns made full use of the advantages offered them by the terrain and showed fine command of strategics.

"According to latest news two Soviet divisions still remain in the general vicinity of Koirinuia.

"While north-east of Lake Ladoga, the Finnish victory has greatly eased the position of the defenders, the situation remains serious in other zones of operations, particularly in the Karelian Isthmus where Soviet effectives are enormous in comparison to the Finnish forces," the Havas correspondent concluded his despatch.

Victory Not Conclusive

Finland's sweeping victory in the Lake Ladoga front is not taken in Helsinki to mean that the battle in that sector has been concluded. On the contrary, the several divisions of Soviet troops still there will probably launch an offensive shortly. Some of these divisions are in a pitiful plight, being cut off from their bases and unable to receive food supplies. Some food is dropped to them from planes.

The Soviet High Command probably thought that the Russian successes on the Summa front would cause a slackening of the Finnish pressure in the Lake Ladoga region, but this did not eventuate.

It may be stated without exaggeration that the ratio of casualties in the battle with the Soviet 18th Division was seventy to one in favour of the Finns.

Meanwhile, the Soviets have started another offensive in the Taipale River region of the Karelian front, to relieve the Finnish pressure in the north. This offensive is much smaller in scope than the large-scale attacks which forced the Finns to abandon a few of their advanced positions.—Havas.

Soviet Communique

Moscow, Feb. 20.

Russian troops pounding at the Mannerheim Line were approaching the suburbs of Viipuri, Finland's second most important city, and not only isolated Kiovisto Island, anchor base of the fortifications, but had captured new positions along the coastal railway, the Red Army claimed today.

"The Soviet offensive in the Karelia area is developing successfully and Russian troops continued clearing the Bjorke fortified area and have occupied Rionsaari Island, three kilometres west of the town of Juhannes, and Revonsaari Island, five kilometres south-west of Juhannes," the official communique said.

Red Army forces also occupied "Lahteenmaki and Humoljoki stations" on the coastal railway, the communique added. "Otherwise there were no important changes. Russian planes raided the enemy and bombed military objectives. Fourteen enemy planes were shot down,"—United Press.

U.S. Not to Undertake Initiative

Mr. Hull Says Japan Must Make First Move

Washington, Feb. 20.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, yesterday told the press that the United States does not plan any early initiative toward finding a solution to Japanese-American differences.

Mr. Hull's comment was made in reply to Tokyo reports that Japanese Foreign Office officials had suggested the United States take the initiative in steps toward better Japanese-American relations. Mr. Hull said he had nothing new in mind at present on this phase of United States foreign affairs.—United Press.

Mrs. Betsey Roosevelt Files Divorce

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.

Mrs. Betsey Roosevelt has filed a cross petition against her husband, Mr. James Roosevelt, asking for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. She is also asking for Court approval for a previously arranged property settlement. Mr. James Roosevelt is the eldest son of

Rumania Bans All Aircraft Petrol Export

Bucharest, Feb. 20.

The Rumanian Government has prohibited the export to any country of all high grade petrol for aeroplane use. Crude oil only yields about 20 per cent. petrol of a grade high enough for aeroplane use. The move will particularly affect Germany, which has been buying large quantities of Rumanian petrol.—Reuter.

Yangtze Opening Still Unknown

Japan's War Minister Says Date Will Be Arranged on Strategic Grounds

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Fresh light on the date of the re-opening of the Yangtze River was shed yesterday by the Minister of War, General Shunroku Hata, in replying to an interpellation before the budget sub-committee of the House of Representatives.

He said that the date of the re-opening of the Yangtze would be fixed from a strategic point of view by fully considering factors for the maintenance of peace and order.

He denied a report that the Japanese military and naval authorities on the spot had announced that the Yangtze would be re-opened within three months, when they made a statement on their decision to reopen the river on December 18 last year.

General Hata stated he meant to keep the oral promise by re-opening the Yangtze, though the date must be fixed by Japan at her own initiative, by considering the actual situation on the spot.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, before the same committee, said he wanted to emphasize that Japan had never made a bargaining point of the re-opening of the Yangtze. The river would be re-opened in accordance with the policy of military and naval authorities unless an unforeseen obstacle intervened in future.

Regarding the date, he said it could not be set. He denied a press report that the Yangtze ought to be opened within two months of the Japanese Government's announcement.—Reuter.

Japan's Huge Budget Given Support

Political Parties Decide To Approve Measure

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Political parties today agreed to vote in favour of the Y.10,360,000,000 budget bills when the House of representatives meets in a plenary session on Thursday.

While no amendments will be proposed, a rider enjoining the Government to pay full consideration to the relation between the supply and demand of commodities, with a view to checking inflation and stabilizing the livelihood of the nation, in putting the budget into effect, will be attached to the measure. After passage in the Lower Chamber the bill will be referred to the House of Peers.

Political parties held rallies of parliamentary members today as budgetary sub-committees in the House of Representatives yesterday had ended their task of examining the huge appropriations proposed by the Government.

Basing their attitude on the need of bringing the China conflict to a satisfactory conclusion, as well as in consideration of the grave situation now facing the nation all parties decided to approve the budgetary bills.

The budget bills are expected to be approved by the House of Representatives on Thursday and they will be referred to the House of Peers Friday.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Yukio Sakurauchi, will address the House of Peers, explaining the Government's financial policy. The budget committee of the Upper House will hold a general meeting on the same day to start deliberations on budget bills.—Domei.

Panama Canal Zone Defences Studied

President Roosevelt on Importance for America

New York, Feb. 20.

President Roosevelt, at the first press conference since he left the United States on holiday in the cruiser Tuscaloosa, said he was in the Pacific conducting a study of the Panama Canal zone and central American defence. This study had special relation to distant, rather than nearby canal protection, he added.

The conference was held aboard the United States destroyer Lang. The President discussed defence problems at length with reporters, but pledged them to secrecy.

He declared they might say he thought the whole policy of hemispherical defence affected each independent American republic as much as the United States.

Asked if he would meet European statesmen on the cruise, President Roosevelt laughed in a manner indicating there was nothing to the report. He said it would not be in the public interest to mention the specific localities he was visiting. He indicated he will visit Costa Rican waters on Tuesday.

Mr. Roosevelt thought the effectiveness of the canal defences had been doubted since his visit in 1934 and expressed the opinion that a third set of locks was much needed. He hoped Congress, at this session, would provide $15,000,000 to start construction of the locks. He announced he would inspect Pacific shore defences of the Panama Canal on the return trip, no time for which had been set. He will then confer with canal officials and the President of Panama.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Gen. Soroku Suzuki

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Gen. Soroku Suzuki, Privy Councillor and former Chief of the Army General Staff, died of heart trouble at his residence here at the age of 75 at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon. He had been confined to bed since the beginning of January.

Gen. Suzuki had a brilliant career as a member of the General Staff, instructor at the Military Staff College, commander of the Third Cavalry Brigade, Cavalry Inspector, commander of the Formosan Army, commander of the Kwantung Army, and chief of the General Staff. He was promoted to the rank of general in 1924 and placed on the first reserve list in 1940.

In 1932 he was appointed a member of the Privy Council. He served one time as President of the Ex-Soldiers' association.—Domei.

France Supports British Protest to Norway Over Altmark

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"If Lord Halifax (British Foreign Secretary) believes that England is in the right in this case," they said, "then he could not object to such; nor would Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop (German Foreign Minister)." They added that refusal to participate in the arbitration court would be an admission of guilt. Roosevelt would accept the idea, they predicted.—United Press.

Norwegian Stand Changed

London, Feb. 20.

The Altmark affair held the spotlight in the British press this morning, all the papers criticizing Norway for what they consider a breach of international law.

It is stressed in London that Norway's view of the matter has changed, for she now asserts that the Altmark was a warship and thus could not be visited.

To this argument, the Britsih reply is that either the Altmark was a merchant vessel and therefore should have been searched, or else she was a warship and therefore should not have been allowed to seek shelter by sailing down the Norwegian coast on her way to the Reich. If such action was condoned, there would be nothing to prevent the entire German fleet from engaging in operations in complete safety. The German warships would only have to become commerce raiders, seeking refuge in Norwegian waters each time they were challenged by the British Navy, which itself would be prevented by international law from entering Norwegian waters.—Havas.

Scandinavia Between Fires

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.

Divergent fears and sentiments were evident in official circles throughout Scandinavia today as it was generally agreed that the Altmark incident might easily transfer the war on the western front to Scandinavia. Official quarters pointed out that the background to the entire question was that Germany in no conceivable case could allow a foreign army to get a foothold on the Scandinavian peninsula and thus Norway and Sweden feel that the Altmark incident goes much deeper than a mere naval battle.

Increasing pressure has been felt in the Scandinavian countries from Britain, Germany and Russia during recent weeks as the Finn war tightened and Russian threats increased, officials declared.

The Swedish press also reflected this uneasy feeling of being boxed in between two wars and inadvertently revealed that pressure had undoubtedly been exerted on Stockholm from both sides recently.—United Press.

Nordic Monroe Doctrine

Stockholm, Feb. 20.

A "Nordic Monroe Doctrine" for Scandinavia might have averted the Altmark incident, the "Stockholms Tidningen" suggested in an editorial today.

"If we want to survive it is necessary for us to take an attitude which will be looked upon with respect by other nations. The Swedish Government is at present losing prestige because of her unclear policy toward Finland.

"A Nordic Monroe Doctrine might have maintained respect for Scandinavia," the newspaper said.—United Press.

Rice Seized by Crowd While in Transit

Second Attempt in Day In Eastern District

A number of Chinese of the poor class surrounded and robbed a hand-trolley loaded with rice in Yuhang Road, near Alcock Road, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The vehicle was piled with about four piculs of the grain when it was attacked.

Earlier in the day rice had been snatched from a shop in Wuchow Road, also in the Eastern district.

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Dance in Act II by Joy Blackwood, Merkoulova and Roth (pupils of Miss Audrey King).

The stage was bright with lively nonsense, gaily coloured costumes and the charming music of Franz Schubert last night when the Amateur Dramatic Club gave their first presentation of "Lilac Time" a play in three acts by Dr. A. M. Willner and Heinz Reichert. The Lyceum Theatre was practically full and the generous support of the Shanghai play-going community was well-rewarded in that an unusually large and difficult undertaking was dealt with in whole-hearted and highly creditable fashion. Certainly it is no easy task for a group of amateurs to play all the parts and sing the many songs called for in this production and to keep the show swinging along in an entertaining manner. But this the large cast has managed to do, thanks largely no doubt to the able direction of V. Valin the producer and capable staff work backstage. The talented cast won many rounds of applause on their exits, and curtain calls at the conclusion of this uncommonly long production were a convincing commentary on its success.

With such a large cast and limited space, it is impossible to give credit wherever it is due; hence, commendation must be given to the cast in general for their hard work and many rehearsals which led to the pleasure provided last night. However the three principal vocalists, Rosie Albach-Gerstel, G. F. Dumbarton and B. Foster Hall are deserving of particular credit. All three were in excellent voice last night and whether singing alone or together, their songs were very pleasing. As the timid song writer, Dumbarton was more than good while the more spectacular person of Foster-Hall afforded splendid contrast. The latter's striking stage presence and easy manner were particularly noticeable and lent naturalness to the stage atmosphere. Ernest Baker was also heartily applauded for his characterization of the vain old father and "gas blower" while what little was seen of Liane Grossmann as Marini was well worth seeing; apart from any decorative value, her acting indicated poise and experience. There were many delightful scenes, the three sisters forming a picturesque trio and the youthful ballet dance in the second act being a charming insertion. The settings too were appropriately bright and on the whole this musical account of the famous composer's romance is something to please a critical Shanghai audience. The temperature in the theatre brought forth overcoats last night—something which might have chilled the reception of an inferior production. Of course the play has its flaws but to harp on them would be absurd as they were submerged in good entertainment.—R.R.R.

Koreans May Receive Vote in Japan

Possibility Admitted After Diet Question

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The possibility of Koreans being allowed to vote in the near future was expressed by the Minister of Overseas Affairs, General Kuniaki Koiso, in reply to a question in the House of Representatives by the solo member of Korean birth, Mr. Shunkin Boku.

Suffrage for all the Japanese colonies, General Koiso declared, would have to be considered, and "though the opportunity is not yet ripe, an election law will have to be provided for Korea sooner or later.

Asked if compulsory education would be given to Korea on the same lines as in Japan, where elementary education has been compulsory since 1872, the Minister of Education said he could not answer as the matter did not come under his Ministry. However, he would not exclude the possibility of compulsory education for both Korea and Formosa at some time in the future.—Reuter.

School Attendance to Be Compulsory

London Boys Go Into Big Camp Boarding School

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

School attendance is being made compulsory for children over eleven years of age in London after March 1, and it is hoped to enforce attendance of children over eight years of age after Easter.

A party of 250 boys from Ilford have begun the occupation of a £20,000 camp near Reading, where they will live a boarding school life for a period with no cost to their parents but the Government evacuation fee of about 6s. a week.—Reuter.

Captain Balfour Returns From Near East Tour

High Morale Noted Among Empire Fliers in R.A.F.

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 20.

Captain Harold H. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, landed in England yesterday at the conclusion of a ten-day tour of air force units in the Near and Middle East, which involved flying a total distance of about 7,000 miles, covering Egypt, Iraq, Transjordania and Palestine.

During his tour, says an authoritative statement, pilots and pupils under instruction from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia as well as from Great Britain were met, scattered throughout the commands.

High morale, good spirits and cheerfulness under all conditions, and keenness on technical efficiency, were observed without exception at all places visited, the statement adds.—Reuter.

Demilitarization of Yunnan-Indo-China

French And Chinese Deny Reported Scheme

Chungking, Feb. 19.

Rumours of negotiations for demilitarization of a Yunnan-Indo-China area were described here to-night as being "utterly without foundation" and "ridiculous."

The spokesman of the French Embassy told Reuter: "The reports are too absurd for denial. It is a joke."

Enquiries in Chinese circles elicited the same emphatic denial.

Since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, it is pointed out, Yunnan troops have been fighting on practically all fronts in central and south China. Contingents of troops continue to leave Yunnan regularly for active service.

Recently anti-aircraft guns have been sent down to Yunnan for the protection of the Yunnan Railway. Since the arrival of these guns Japanese air-raiders have been greeted with heavy fire when attacking the railway.—Reuter.

Shots Fired But Gang Escapes Police

Encounter Follows Crime At Mapai Road House

Members of a police party fired three pistol shots at robbers in a lane off Mapai Road, in the Pootoo Road police district, yesterday evening but apparently wounded no-one. There were four bandits in the gang, with three pistols, and all escaped. They had stolen $130 before the alarm was given.

At an early hour of the day one of a gang of three unarmed men was captured by the police in Yangtszepoo after the looting of a country house off Hangchow Road. Only about $40 was taken.

Four other robberies were reported yesterday to the Settlement Police, the largest amount of plunder being $350.

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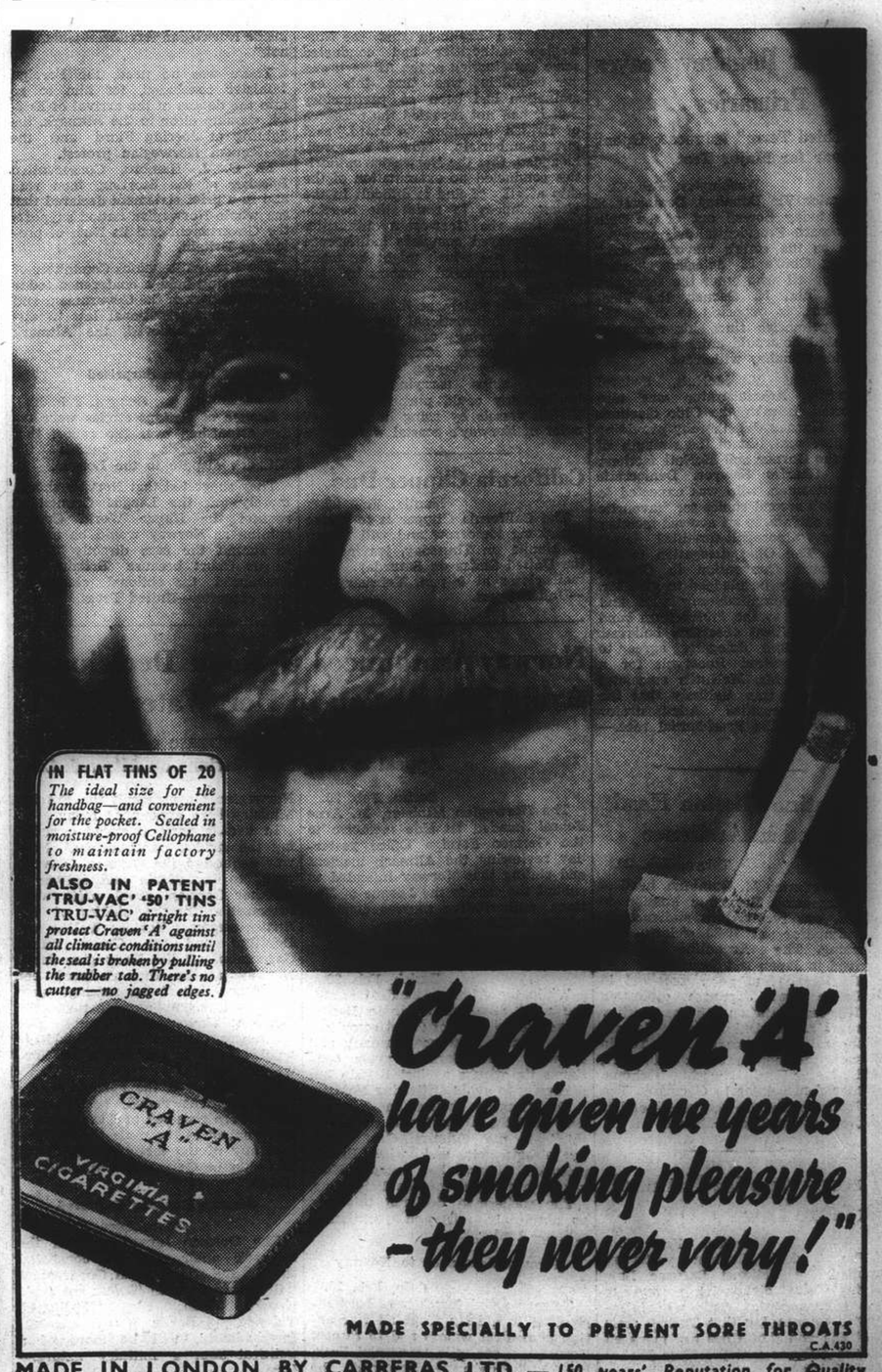

FROM DAY TO DAY

MRS. Ferid Tek, wife of the Turkish Ambassador to Tokyo, and her daughter arrived in Shanghai last week and are staying at the Cathay Hotel.

IN the First Special District Court on February 16, the licensee of the Wei Lee Hoh Kee Dairy Co. was fined $40 for selling milk on January 22, which upon analysis was found to contain 10.38 of extraneous water.

GROUP Captain A. H. Orlebar, A.F.C., the famous Schneider Trophy pilot, has been appointed to an important post in the Air Ministry. Since the war he has been in command of an important fighter command.

ON Monday M. M. T. and Mme Elzéar entertained 150 friends at a cocktail party in their Cathay Mansions apartment. It was the first party which they had given since their return from Europe and the occasion was Mme Elzéar's birthday.

ON the occasion of the 2,600th anniversary of Japan's founding, the Argentinian Ministry of Navy informed the Japanese Foreign Office that the naval training ship Argentina with young officers aboard will visit Japan in June to express congratulations.

THE American community in Manila yesterday were planning an elaborate celebration of George Washington's birthday February 22, in which Mr. Francis B. Sayre, United States High Commissioner to the Philippines, will be one of the principal speakers.

THE sports section of the British Women's Association are arranging a tea on Monday, February 26, in honour of Mrs. Shotter who is proceeding to Australia on vacation. Mrs. Shotter has been chairman of this section for very many years and all members, past and present, are invited to attend.

WOOL and flax spinning on newly-invented hand spindles will shortly be introduced in Chungking, following successful experiments with cotton spinning, says a Chungking message to the "Shun Pao". These experiments have been successfully carried forward for the purpose of producing cotton wear to meet wartime consumption.

ALUMNI of the University of Michigan Club in Shanghai will hold their annual meeting tonight at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. on Bubbling Well Road. A special musical programme has been arranged for the meeting. Members who have not yet made arrangements to attend are requested to communicate with Mr. Mui Loo Woo, of the Otis Elevator Company, by telephoning 30190. The meeting will begin at 7.45 p.m.

MR. K. P. Chen, representing the Chinese Government as head of the Chinese economic mission to the United States, has returned to Hongkong and will shortly call a financial conference of Chinese bankers and financiers to discuss the proposed American credit loan to China, says a report to the "Central China Daily News." Mr. Chen, the paper adds, will also shortly proceed to Chungking to report to the Chinese Government on the result of his mission, and to obtain fresh instructions.

THERE will be a short organ recital in the Cathedral this afternoon preceding the Lenten Service. Mrs. J. Davidson will be at the organ and will play: "Melody in F." (Rubinstein), "Evensong" (Easthope Martin.) The organ music will commense at approximately 5.15 p.m. and the service will begin at 5.30 p.m., when the Dean will preach the fifth in his series of Lenten addresses, his subject being "His Divinity Vindicated." Confirmation candidates are reminded that they are expected to attend this service.

THE programme for the twentieth Sunday Symphony Concert to be given in the Lyceum Theatre on Sunday, February 25, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Two Movements from the "Suite Ancienne" .....Halvorsen
Intrata
Air with Variations
Symphony No. 2 in D major....Sibelius
Allegretto
Tempo Andante, ma rubato
Scherzo: "Vivacissimo"—Lento e soave
Finale: Allegro moderato
without interruption
Piano-Concerto in A minor with Orchestra acc. .....Grieg
Allegro moderato
Adagio
Allegro marcato
with interruption
Soloist: Ada Lvoff
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci

Merchants Warned By Chamber

Price Increases Not Wholly Due to Changed Situation; Hoarding and Profiteering

Asserting that the present price increases in Shanghai are not a pure production of the changed situation, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai has issued a public statement to all Chinese merchants here warning them against hoarding goods or making large purchases when prices are suddenly increased. The statement urges all people to observe rules of self-respect in the absence of Government supervision and direction so as to avoid a great city wide economic "catastrophe."

The statement first points out the fact that the recent increase of prices of commodities here has caused general uneasiness among the populace. Although the problem is many-sided there is no doubt that many merchants have been speculating on commodities, it is pointed out. These merchants, it is said, consider that to hoard goods is more profitable than to save money.

The situation is further aggravated by the big purchases of goods by many residents who fear that prices may yet be further increased. Their buying activities have been accelerated to such an extent that sometimes they buy all goods they can get hold of with all the money they possess at the time, so that they may use the goods for many months.

They have thus been played into the hands of profiteering merchants by breaking the balance of supply and demand, it is stated. This situation therefore is not created by the changed situation, it is asserted. Mutual benefit must be sought in the business world and if the present situation is allowed to take its natural course the purchasing power will in turn be diminished.

Merchandise depends on consumption and if all consumers are like "fish in a dry ditch" there is no use of hoarding cargo. The Chamber warns all hearing Chinese merchants against "dreaming" of this year as their "golden age." It is pointed out that it is a mistake that will force all into disaster.

The Thrift Movement Committee in Shanghai has also issued a statement urging the populace to reduce all unnecessary expenses in the face of increased prices. In this statement, the Chinese are even advised to follow the Japanese way of economizing in their daily life. Visits to restaurants and amusement resorts are discouraged. Some educated Chinese ladies in Shanghai have also started a movement to abolish bobbed hair.

Noodle Shops Seek Relief

That the cheap sale of flour to the poor sponsored by the Settlement and Concession authorities may not be the fundamental way of settling the flour shortage trouble in Shanghai was evident yesterday when managers of more than 200 noodle shops, which were forced to close business owing to the fact they cannot obtain their daily quota of flour, petitioned the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for relief.

The cheap sale arrangement which benefits the public to a great extent limits the sale of only one bag of flour to an individual and therefore noodle shops which need more bags cannot obtain their flour in larger quantities which has forced them to suspend business. Managers of these shops petitioned the Chinese Chamber yesterday so that they could obtain flour directly from distributing mills and not from retail shops from which the poor obtain their cheap flour.

Indian Faces Jury In H. M. Court

In H. M. Supreme Court before Judge P. Grant Jones, Chainchal Singh, Indian watchman, appeared before a jury yesterday on charges of having committed an unnatural offence. Mr. John McNeill, Crown Advocate, prosecuted and the accused was not defended. After an all-day hearing, during which many witnesses for the prosecution were called, the case was adjourned to 10 a.m. today.

The jury consists of the following gentlemen: Messrs. E. J. Sluis, D. Gibson, F. W. Golding, H. M. Cummine and G. Stevenson.

Barrier Passes

Tientsin, Feb. 20.

Special barrier passes similar to those issued to Americans would be given to Germans, Italians and Spaniards here, the Japanese Consulate-General notified the German Consul-General and the Italian and Spanish Consulates yesterday.—Domei.

British Sailors Also Have Wings

A war-time photograph taken at one of the British Fleet Air Arm stations where observers, pilots and gunners are being trained. From H.M.S. Peregrine—a custom of giving even a land station ship's name—a naval photographer is seen in action.

Jewel Robber Suspects Arrested

Four Detained in Connection With Many Thefts

In an effort to solve many jewel robberies, the police of both the Settlement and French Concession have now arrested 15 Russian suspects. The 15th one was brought before the First Special District Court yesterday thus increasing the number of detained men at the same tribunal to four. Three others were sent to the court on Monday.

As was previously reported, 11 other suspects one of them a woman, were brought before the Second Special District Court on Monday on a writ of detention. It was learned yesterday that some of them had been released with the understanding that they would not leave Shanghai.

The police are investigating with a view to solving the mystery surrounding many old jewel burglaries. Some of the detained persons, however, are alleged to have played only minor parts in the crimes. The fourth man detained by the Settlement court yesterday is the 26-year old Dimitry Borodin, who was arrested by the Bubbling Well Police. He was placed on a writ awaiting a trial to be held on Monday.

Chinese Clerks Face Libel Charge

Handbills Distributed in Attack on Manager

Charged with libel, three clerks of the Ningshao Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Ningpo Road were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday in connection with their dispute with an assistant manager of the firm which recently resulted in a go-slow strike.

The accused clerks were alleged to have recently distributed handbills attacking the assistant manager Mr. Oong Kwang-tien, mentioning six reasons for the business setbacks suffered by their firm. Mr. Oong brought the matter to the attention of the Central Police and the accused were later arrested. Mr. Oong also filed a civil action demanding that the accused be required to publish an apology in leading Chinese newspapers.

The accused denied that they had distributed the handbills but alleged that what was mentioned in the handbills was true, The judge failed to persuade the disputing parties to reach a compromise and so he ruled that he would announce his judgment on Friday.

Political Leaders Meet In Shanghai

Peiping Chief Visits Mr. Wang Ching-wei

Mr. Liang Hung-chi, president of the Executive Yuan of the "Reformed Government" at Nanking, arrived in Shanghai on Monday and conferred with Mr. Wang Ching-wei on the question of forming a new central government by the latter which will require the former to wind up his business at the capital. This is the first meeting between the two officials after the Tsingtao conference.

Mr. Liang is quoted by the "Sin Shun Pao" as saying that after the conclusion of the Central Politieal Conference, the new government will be organized, and that if the inauguration time is fixed before the second anniversary of his regime, the anniversary celebration meeting will be cancelled. He will then issue a statement winding up the business of the "Reformed" regime, it is stated.

No decision has been reached regarding the country's finances, it is revealed. But Mr. Liang is quoted as saying that a one-sided opinion is that the Hua Hsing Commercial Bank should be enlarged and reorganized into a central bank. At the same time, some opined that it should be made a purely commercial institution to exist side by side with the new central bank in formation, it is pointed out.

Mr. Chu Min-yi, general secretary of the "orthodox" Kuomintang in Shanghai formed by Mr. Wang, has returned here from Nanking where he has made necessary preparations for setting up the new government. Sites for the various ministries and departments have been adequately chosen, it is reported.

Sampan Men Gird For Naval Battle

But Crew of New Ferry Service Wisely Decide To Quit the Whangpoo

On its very first day of operation a Japanese-managed ferry service had to suspend yesterday because of the open opposition of Whangpoo sampan men, it was reported by the Chinese press yesterday evening.

The clash came about yesterday morning when the ferry, one vessel, was placed in operation between Lukatu in Pootung and the fish wharf on the Quai de France in the vicinity of the Nantao Bund. The appearance of the ferryboat was the signal for the angry sampan men to throw a cordon of about 100 sampans about the French wharf to prevent their new competitor mooring. It was said that the hostile shouts of several hundred hardy sampan men made the ferry crew consider discretion the essential part of valour and go somewhere else.

Later in the day, however, the ferryboat emerged again from Pootung, towing two smaller craft, and attempted to make the fish wharf. The sampan men once more voiced their indignation and this time they were on hand in even larger numbers than before. They threatened to put on a minor naval battle right then and there, with the result that the Chinese crew of the new service threw in the towel and promised that, after landing their second cargo of passengers, they would quit. This was all right with the sampan fleet, the cordon was opened and the Japanese-managed ferryboat was permitted, for the nonce, to tie up at the wharf.

Lukatu, whence the short-lived ferry service started yesterday morning, has only just been opened to boat traffic by the Pootung authorities.

525 Officers Graduate From Academy

First Ceremony Held at New Institution

Marking the completion of a rigid military training for 525 Chinese officers, the first graduation ceremony of the Central Military Academy headed by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan of the "orthodox" Kuomintang, was held at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the auditorium of the academy in the suburbs of Shanghai, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported.

Ceremonies conducted in the presence of Mr. Wang Ching-wei leading members of the "orthodox" Kuomintang and prominent guests signified the graduation of 525 officers who will form the nucleus of the Ministry of War of the proposed new central government of China under Mr. Wang.

Mr. Wang gave an address to the graduating class. Dr. Chu Min-yi and Mr. Liu Yu-fen also delivered addresses representing the leading members of the "orthodox" Kuomintang, and the military affairs committee of the party respectively.

Gen. Yeh Peng, chief of the faculty, then addressed the graduating officers, after which Mr. Wang presented diplomas and awards.

Mr. Wang said the mission of the officers lay in the realization of peace, opposition to Communism, and reconstruction of China. "Be thoughtful and brave in executing your mission," Mr. Wang emphasized.

Chinese Get Cheaper Coal Balls

Hoarders Must Disgorge Their Stocks

Chinese housewives breathed sighs of relief yesterday when they were able to buy coal balls needed for Chinese cooking at $5.80 per picul, an arrangement made between coal merchants and Chinese civic leaders. The cheap sale began in 18 shops yesterday but each person was allowed to buy only one picul.

The arrangement also provides that all those who have bought coal balls but who have refused or forgotten to take the cargo from factory godowns are required to do so within 10 days so that they can hoard the cargo no longer against the public and so coal-hoarding merchants are being sanctioned by the public.

The cheap sale price of $5.80 is still too high to be paid by the average resident but it was an arrangement agreed to several days ago when the price was threatening to break the $7 mark. Formerly, a picul of coal balls was worth only about $1.

"The China Journal"

The February number of "The China Journal" has as its frontispiece a cheerful photograph of the God of Happiness as he sits in the court of the Temple of Pi Yun in Peiping, and there are several pages of reproductions of paintings and scrolls of Chinese saints and gods. "The Story of the Mad Wu" has been well translated by Mr. Willy Tonn; "Down the Wu Kiang by Crooked Stern Junk", by Mr. J. E. Spencer, is illustrated with excellent photographs; "Literature on Chinese Birds" is by Mr. Lyman Hale, Jr., while birds again are the subject of the next article, "Migration Notes—The Three Albatrosses of the North Pacific," in which Mr. G. D. Wilder gives the notes made on a passage made last March from San Pedro to Shanghai—also illustrated. Mr. V. N. Alin contributes "Some New Data on the Biology of Callipogon Relictus Sem"—three curious photographs of the pupa being given. Under Shooting Notes is "Some Rifles of Forty Years Ago" by Fleur-de-Lys, the Textile Industry in Shanghai is dealt with, with photographs showing the interior of a British-owned and managed cotton mill in the Settlement, and the permanent features of the journal help to make up a good number.

Rice Profiteer Given Prison Term

Chen Wei-ching, manager of the Sheng Yuan Rice Shop at 81 Pakhoi Road, was sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court, found guilty of having sold his rice at a price higher than the one fixed officially. Chen tried to shift the responsibility by saying that he had only recently come to Shanghai and that he was not manager of the hong but the judge passed the sentence.

The profiteering merchant was discovered on Monday when he sold a half picul of rice for $25.50 while the official price of a picul was fixed sometime ago at only $40. After buying the rice the customer showed his bill to the Louza police resulting in Chen's arrest.

Food Riots Break Out at Tientsin

Chinese Loot Flour Shops And Food Convoy; Peiping Rice $100 a Bag

Tientsin, Feb. 20.

Riots broke out all over the Native City this morning due to soaring price of flour which has increased almost 600 per cent. since the beginning of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. A Chinese mob looted six flour shops before the rioting was quelled by the police.

Yesterday, a Chinese crowd attacked flour trucks passing through the Italian Concession on their way to the Chinese City, but looting was prevented by a detachment of Italian Marines assisted by firemen, who dispersed the mob with icy jets of water.

The rising price of flour is due largely to the depreciation of the local currency, which itself results from a vicious circle, since the currency is slumping because of the heavy purchases of flour abroad in order to alleviate the shortage threatening North China.

Previously, flour imports were more than counter-balanced by exports from North China. These exports are at present reduced owing to the exchange control regulations, the increased exports towards the yen bloc, embargoes, and the difficulty of obtaining produce from the interior, due to the hostilities and lack of transportation facilities.—Havas.

Food Shortage in Peiping

Peiping, Feb. 20.

A serious food situation has arisen here as the result of a shortage of rice, flour and meat. The price of rice soared yesterday to the record figure of $100 a bag.

The shortage of meat is due to the unwillingness of butchers to kill more pigs and sheep in view of the small profit they made over the Chinese New Year. Only limited supplies of meat is available to restaurants, and small meat dealers are unable to get any supplies. Many butchers are reported to have been fined for selling meat at a higher than the officially fixed price.

According to Chinese press reports, to relieve the shortage of foodstuffs here the authorities are doing everything possible to obtain fresh supplies. A large shipment of Japanese flour is said to have already arrived at Tangku, and is expected to be transported to Peiping in the near future. It is added that 20,000 bags of flour recently arrived in Peiping and will be distributed to various food dealers for sale to those possessing a "flour ticket."

Peiping is also stated to be suffering from a shortage of coal. To relieve the situation, coal dealers are selling coal balls and other kinds of coal at cost price.—Reuter.

Housebreaker Sentenced

Boris Mihailoff, who has been active as a housebreaker in the Wayside district, was sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court. Mihailoff was found to have stolen about $1,000 worth of personal belongings, mostly clothing, from foreigners mostly German Jewish refugees between last October and up to the time of his arrest three weeks ago.

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U.S. $100 @ 6⅞		$1,454.55
Francs	307	$100
Yen	29⅝	100
Guilders	12¾	100
Rupees	23¼	100
Pesos	13¾	100
Hongkong	$28	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 11/32d.	$ 55.25
U.S. $100 @ 7 3/16	$1,391.30
London—demand, $1=	4 11/32d.
4 months' sight credits	4⅜d.
4 months' sight docts	4 7/16d.
6 months' sight credits	4 13/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 15/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7 3/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$7¼
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$7⅜

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„	Buying „ @ 6 1/32	„	H.H.$	1
U.S.$	Selling „ @ 9⅝	„	H.H.$100	
„	Buying „ @ 10⅛	„	H.H.$100	
Local $ (Fapi)	selling @ 140	per	H.H.$100	
	buying @ 145	„	H.H.$100	

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest	4¼	Lowest	4 3/16
U.S. G.$		7	-	6⅞

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash/Feb.	SELLING		BUYING Feb.
£ T.T.	4 5/32	4 m/s. l.c.	4 5/16
G.$ T.T.	6 15/16	4 m/s. l.c.	7
Fcs. T.T.	304	4 m/s.	317
Rs. T.T.	23¼	15 d/s.	23¾

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N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	—	—
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NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.95¼
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.95
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.95⅛

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 3/16 sterling and 6⅞ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 5/32 sterling and 6 15/16 U.S.$. Immediately after the opening sellers came out and rates rose to 4¼ sterling and 7.- U.S.$ for February delivery. These rates brought out buyers, however, and thereafter rates declined with slight fluctuations; the market closing easy with sellers at:—

4 3/16	sterling	6⅞	U.S.$	Cash
4 5/32	„	6⅞	„	Feb.
4⅛	„	6 15/16	„	Mar.
4 3/32	„	6 31/32	„	Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing Feb. 19.

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4 3/16d
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/6 3/32
Amsterdam	7.63	Hongkong	1/2 15/16
Brussels	23.80	Singapore	2/4 3/32
Madrid	39.00	Yokohama	1/2 3/32
Milan	77.50	„ (buying)	1/2 1/16
Berne	17.85	Bangkok	1/10¼

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	86.430
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.12	Japan	23.35
Paris	2.24	Shanghai	7.10
Brussels	16.83	Hungary	18.00
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.63
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.73	Bulgaria	Unq.
Denmark	19.33	Finland	1.75 N
London			3.95¼
„ Demand			3.94⅝
Buenos Aires, Paper			Unq.
„ „ Market Rate			23.25
Montreal on London			4.56¾

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:		Feb. 19.
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 1/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		⅞%
New York:		
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months		0½%B 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months		0 9/16%B 0½%A
Call Money		1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Returns of Federal Reserve System

New York, Feb. 19.

The Board of Governor of the Federal Reserve system, in their report for the week ended February 14 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the system, reveal an increase on total loans amounting to $9,000,000 compared with the previous week and of $311,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Investments show a decrease of $6,000,000 compared with last week, but an increase of $1,283,000,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

Total loans during the periol under review amounted to $8,516,000,000 and investments $14,686,000,000.—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Feb. 20.

Slightly lower silver prices were fixed in London today, being quoted at:—

	Feb. 19	Feb. 20
London spot	20¾d.	20⅝d.
„ forward	20 11/16d.	20⅝d.
„ gold	168/-	168/-

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York	U.S.$4.0250	59.627d.
New York/London	3.95¼	60.72d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

After a firm opening the market was again subjected to heavy profit taking, which, in spite of its severity, did not carry the market down to any extent. As is usual the more popular issues were the ones to suffer most, such as Bus, which, after rising to 35½ closed with sellers at 33.

Due to easy exchange Rubbers were firmer, notable rises being Kotas to 9½, Rubber Trust to 15 and Langkats to 13¾.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Averages	Changes
299.28	105.32	General	297.32	+6.[illegible]
463.32	95.55	Rubbers	460.41	+8.13

Total 897,402 shares, 970 bonds.

Business Done

Power 5½% Debs.					20000	88.2[illegible]
	†5000	88.00	4000	88.50		
Central Prop.			500	*18.50	500	18.50
	100	*18.30	100	18.30	200	18.50
	†100	18.50				
I. I. Trust			9000	24.50	1000	24.75
	500	*24.75	2000	*25.00	2000	*24.75
	4500	24.75	500	25.00	500	24.75
	1000	*25.00	1500	25.00	4000	24.75
	6500	24.80	1000	*24.50		
	†500	*24.25	500	24.50	4000	24.25
	500	24.00	500	*24.00	500	24.25
	5000	24.00	500	*24.00		
S'hai Loan			4500	22.50	1000	22.75
	1000	*23.00	1000	22.75	500	*22.75
	500	*23.00	500	23.00	500	*22.75
	1500	23.00	1000	22.75	500	23.25
	500	*23.00	500	22.75	1500	*23.00
	500	22.75	500	23.00	5500	22.75
	500	22.50	500	22.25	500	22.75
	500	22.50	1000	*22.50	4000	*22.25
	1500	22.00	2000	*21.50	1000	21.75
	500	22.00	500	*21.75	2500	22.00
	500	*22.00				
	†2000	22.00	1000	*22.25	3500	22.25
	500	22.50	1000	22.50	500	22.25
Yangtsze Finance					1500	19.60
	3000	19.70	500	19.60	500	19.50
	4000	19.60	500	*19.50	6500	19.50
	500	19.60	500	*19.60	2000	19.50
	500	*19.30	1500	19.40	1000	19.50
	500	*19.40	500	19.50	2000	19.40
	1000	*19.40	500	19.50	1000	19.40
	500	*19.50	1000	19.50	1000	19.40
	1000	19.50	2500	19.40	4000	19.30
	†1000	19.30	1000	*19.20	3000	19.30
	2500	19.20	500	*19.20	1500	19.30
	500	*19.30	1000	19.20	2000	19.30
	1000	19.20				
Int. Assurance			1000	16.50	500	*19.60
	1000	16.70	1000	16.80	3500	16.70
	2500	16.60	1500	16.50		
	†1000	16.50	500	*16.60		
China Realty			3000	9.00	1000	9.75
	500	*9.75	1500	9.70	500	9.75
	4500	9.80	500	*9.80	500	*9.75
	500	9.75	500	9.70	1000	9.80
	1000	*9.75	1000	9.75	500	9.80
	†1000	9.75	500	*9.75	3500	9.80
	500	*9.80	2500	9.90	500	*9.80
S'hai Land			500	19.70	1000	19.60
	1000	19.50	1000	19.40	1500	19.50
	500	19.40	500	19.10	1000	19.20
	1000	19.30	2000	19.20	500	19.10
	1000	19.20				
	†500	19.20	1500	19.10	500	19.00
	3500	19.10	500	*19.10	500	19.20
	500	*19.00	1000	19.10		
Metro. Land			2000	14.50	500	14.70
	1000	14.80	2000	15.00	4500	15.50
	1000	*15.50	500	15.60	1500	*15.70
	500	15.60	500	*15.70	500	15.70
	†500	15.70	500	15.60	1500	15.70
	500	15.60	1000	15.50		
Dockyards			800	34.50	500	*34.50
	300	*34.25	800	34.50	100	*34.50
	100	34.75	200	34.50	1000	*34.75
	200	34.50	900	34.75	100	*34.50
	100	34.75	100	34.50	200	34.75
	100	*34.50	1900	34.75	200	35.00
	1300	34.75	200	34.50	100	34.75
	500	34.50	900	34.75	100	*34.75
	200	*34.50	2400	34.50	200	34.25
	300	34.50	700	34.25	200	34.00
	1000	33.75	100	*33.75	300	34.00
	100	*34.25	1200	34.00	300	33.75
	2300	33.50	100	*33.75	2000	34.00
	200	*34.00	200	34.25		
	†800	34.25	700	34.50	200	*34.50
	900	34.25	100	34.00	1000	34.25
	300	34.50	2300	34.00	1000	34.25
	200	34.00	100	34.25	100	34.00
	400	34.25				
S. & H. Wharf					25	355.00
Wheelock			100	*95.50	100	96.00
	800	*96.00	100	*95.50	500	96.00
	200	*96.50	100	96.50	1000	*97.00
	300	97.00	200	97.50	100	97.00
	200	97.50				
	†300	96.00	1500	97.00	100	96.50
	400	97.00	100	97.50	500	*97.50
	100	97.00	100	97.50		
C. G. Omnibus			1300	34.75	600	*34.75
	300	35.00	100	35.50	100	35.25
	700	35.50	600	*35.25	100	35.25
	200	35.00	200	34.75	300	34.50
	700	34.75	600	35.00	200	*35.00
	200	35.50	300	*35.25	700	35.50
	100	35.00	200	35.25	100	*35.25
	200	35.00	700	34.75	100	*33.75
	1100	34.00	500	33.75	300	34.25
	100	33.75	1200	34.00	400	33.75
	†100	*33.75	1200	33.50	100	*33.50
	400	33.25	200	*33.25	500	33.00
	200	32.75	500	33.00	200	32.75
S'hai Gas			400	21.50	300	21.75
	900	22.00	500	*22.00	100	22.25
	100	*22.25	1500	*22.75	300	22.75
	500	*22.50	300	22.75	300	22.50
	200	22.75	1100	22.50	400	22.75
	400	22.50				
	†200	*22.75	300	22.75	1300	23.00
	500	*23.00	100	23.25		
Telephone			600	*32.00	1800	32.00
	100	32.25	200	32.75	500	*33.00
	200	32.75	700	32.50	200	32.25
	500	32.00				
	†500	32.00	100	*32.00	100	32.25
	400	32.25	400	32.00	200	31.75
	900	31.50	200	*31.50	300	31.75
	500	32.10				
Tram (Bearer) £1					1000	60.50
	400	61.00	500	62.00	200	62.50
	600	62.00	100	62.50	300	62.00
	300	62.50	100	62.00	200	62.50
	500	62.00	100	*62.00	800	62.50
	†900	62.50	100	*62.50		
Telephone 6% Debs.					†3000	*96.00
Metal			400	26.00	400	*26.25
	300	26.50	100	26.00	2000	26.25
	200	26.50	400	26.25	300	*26.25
	700	26.50	400	26.25	300	26.00
	500	26.25	2800	26.50	1100	26.25
	300	26.50	100	*26.25	500	26.50
	500	*26.50	1800	26.25	800	*26.25
	1800	26.00	300	25.75	400	26.00
	600	25.75				
	†1200	26.00	100	*26.00	100	25.75
	200	26.00	100	*26.00	200	25.75
Kaiping			400	63.50	100	64.00
	300	64.50	100	65.00	100	*64.50
	100	65.00	100	65.00		
	†200	65.00	200	64.50	300	65.00
	300	*65.00	100	64.50		
Lumber			1000	56.50	1000	57.00
	500	56.50	500	*57.00	100	56.50
	1700	57.00	100	56.50		
	†600	56.50	200	*56.50		
Exploration			500	12.90	2000	12.80
	1000	*12.70	2500	12.70	1000	12.80
	1000	12.70	500	12.80	1000	12.70
	1000	12.80	1000	12.90	500	12.80
	7000	13.00	500	*13.00	500	*12.90
	500	*13.00	500	13.00	1000	12.90
	†500	*12.90	1500	12.90	500	13.00
	1000	12.90	1500	12.80	2500	12.90
	500	*12.80	500	12.80	500	12.90
Power (Pref)			30	135.00	125	135.50
	†30	136.00				
Ewo Mills (Ord)			100	38.00	500	38.25
	1500	38.50	200	*38.50	300	*38.75
	500	*38.50	2800	38.75	1000	*38.75
	900	38.50	300	38.75	500	38.50
	4200	38.75	1600	38.50	500	38.75
	400	*38.50	100	38.50	500	38.25
	100	*38.00	4300	38.00	300	38.25
	600	38.00	100	*38.00		
	†1000	38.00	100	*38.25	1200	38.00
	200	37.75	600	38.00	100	*37.75
	200	*38.00	1200	38.00		
China Finance			4000	1.76	4000	1.74
	3000	1.76	1000	*1.76		
	†1000	1.80	1000	1.84	1000	1.86
Alma					100	56.00
Anglo Dutch			300	30.50	100	*30.75
	1000	30.75	700	31.00	200	30.75
	100	30.50	100	30.75	1300	31.00
	700	30.75	100	*30.75		
	†200	31.25	100	31.00	400	31.25
	400	31.50				
Anglo Java			1300	55.00	300	55.50
	1700	55.00	300	55.50	100	*55.50
	400	55.00	200	*55.00	100	54.50
	800	55.00				
	†800	55.50				
Batu Anam			2000	2.70	6000	2.75
	6000	2.80	1000	*2.80	2000	2.85
	†4000	2.82½	4000	2.80	1000	2.82½
Bute			500	14.10	500	14.30
Chemor					4000	5.00
	†5000	5.00	5000	5.10	1000	5.05
Cheng			1000	*1.50	2000	1.50
	3000	1.52	1000	*1.52	4000	1.50
	3000	1.52	3000	1.50		
	†11000	1.50	1000	1.52	1000	1.50
Consolidated			†500	13.90	500	14.00
	1000	14.10	500	14.20		
Dominion			†1000	17.80	500	18.00
	500	*18.00				
Java Consolidated					1000	7.40
	2000	*7.45	6000	7.50		
	†3000	*7.55	1000	7.55	2000	7.60
	2000	7.65	1000	7.70	1000	7.60
	1000	*7.70	1000	7.70		

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 19.

The main topic of conversation on the London Stock Exchange today was the British Treasury's requisitioning of certain dollar securities.

British gilt edged securities improved on the possibilities of reinvestment of such funds realized.

Industrials attracted more attention, especially tobaccos and iron and steel shares, whilst oils improved. Rhodesian copper issues met with some buying interest.—Reuter.

	Feb. 16	19
War Loan, 3½% (Red.)	£98¼	98 11/16

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	52¼	52½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	56	56¼

Osaka, Feb. 20.

Kogo 5% Y.106.14

COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	14/-	14/-
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/1½	39/10½
Austin Motors, ord.	16/6	16/7½
Bristol Aeroplane	14/4½	14/4½
British American Tob.	98/9	100/7½
Cable & W. new form	63¾	64
Cammell Laird, ord.	8/3	8/6
Courtaulds	38/1½	38/-
Distillers	66/9	63/3
Dunlop Rubber	30/9	31/4½
General Elec. (Eng.)	78/4½	76/3
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	75/6	73/6*
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	12/4½	12/7½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	30/6	31/1½
Imp. Tobacco	118/9	120/7½
Leyland Motors	70/-	70/-
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/3	51/4½
Pressed Steel, com.	15/-	15/3
Rolls-Royce	83/1½	80/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/9	13/9
Tate & Lyle	52/3	51/9
Turner & Newall	62/10½	63/-
United Steel	23/4½	23/7½
Vickers, ord.	21/-	21/-
Woolworths	61/-	61/-

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo-Dutch	26/3	26/3
Rubber Plth. Inv. Trust	34/3	34/4½

MINES

Burma Corp.	9/3	9/3
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	14/9	14/9
Randfontein Ests.	34/4½	34/4½
Sub-Nigel	190/-	190/-
Tanami Gold Min.	6d.	6d.
Western Holdings	12/6	12/3

OILS

Anglo-Iranian	52/6	54/4½
Burmah	65/7½	66/3
Mexican Eagle	6/1½	6/1½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	73/9	74/4½

*—Ex dividend.

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£60	60
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	50	50
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	30	30
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	40	40
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	16	16
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	19	19
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	17	17
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	20	20
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% „ „ G.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	16	16
S'hai Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	14½	14½
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	27½	27½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9	8⅝
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	85	85½
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	87½	88
Mercantile Bank of India	12⅜	12⅜
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	18/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/10½	21/10½

Kota			1000	9.00	1000	9.10
	5000	9.25				
	†1000	9.40	1000	9.35	2000	9.50
	1000	9.60				
Kroewoek			8000	4.50	1000	*4.50
	1000	*4.45	6000	4.50	1000	*4.50
	2000	4.55	1000	4.50	1000	4.55
	3000	4.60	1000	*4.60	7000	4.55
	2000	4.60	1000	4.55	1000	4.60
	†8000	4.55	9000	4.60		
Langkat			400	38.75	300	*38.75
	400	38.50	1300	38.75	400	39.00
	800	39.25	300	39.50	100	39.25
	2100	39.00				
	†400	*39.00	100	*39.25	400	39.50
	400	39.25	900	39.50		
Padang			2000	5.00	1000	*4.95
	1000	5.00				
	†1000	4.95	4000	5.00	7000	5.05
	3000	5.10				
Permata					4000	2.90
	†3000	2.90				
Repah			2000	2.40	3000	2.42½
	2000	2.45	3000	2.40	6000	2.45
	3000	2.47½	8000	2.50		
	†2000	2.50	2000	*2.50	1000	2.55
	1000	2.57½	1000	*2.55	1000	2.52½
	15000	2.55				
Rubber Trust			4000	14.30	500	14.30
	3000	14.50	500	14.60	1500	14.50
	2000	14.70	500	14.60	1500	14.70
	500	14.60	4000	14.70	1000	14.60
	1000	14.70				
	†2500	14.70	500	*14.80	500	14.80
	1000	14.90	500	15.00	1000	14.90
	500	15.00	2000	14.90	500	*15.00
	1500	14.90	500	15.10	2000	15.00
	2000	14.90	1000	15.00		
Samagaga			1000	3.05	1000	3.10
	3000	3.15	1000	3.12½	5000	3.15
	1000	*3.15				
Semambu			3000	2.85	1000	2.90
	1000	2.85				
	†1000	2.90	2000	2.85		
Senawang			1000	3.40	2000	3.42½
	2000	*3.45	2000	3.45	2000	*3.47½
	9000	3.45	1000	*3.45	1000	*3.47½
	3000	3.45				
	†6000	3.47½				
Kedah			1000	*17.20	500	17.50
	†1000	17.70				
Kelantan			1000	1.62	10000	1.64
	2000	*1.64	1000	1.62	1000	1.64
	7000	1.62				
	†8000	1.60	1000	1.62	1000	1.60
	7000	1.62				
Pahang			1000	9.00	2000	9.05
	†2000	*9.50	3000	9.50		
Seremban					1000	4.60
	†2000	4.70	2000	4.80		
Sumatra			200	*44.50	600	44.50
	†600	45.50	100	*45.50		
Sua Manggis					1000	4.25
	†1000	*4.20				
Sungala			1000	14.00	500	*13.90
	500	13.90	500	14.00	500	*14.10
	500	14.10	1000	14.00	500	14.10
	500	14.20				
	†1000	14.20	500	14.30		
Sungei Duri			400	*82.00	100	83.00
	100	83.50	100	84.00		
Tanah Merah			1000	5.75	1000	*5.75
	1000	5.80	4000	5.85	2000	5.80
	†9000	5.85	2000	*5.90	2000	5.90
	2000	5.95	2000	*6.00	3000	6.00
Tebong			17000	2.70	3000	*2.70
	1000	*2.72½	6000	2.70	1000	2.72½
	†3000	2.72½	1000	2.70	1000	2.72½
	7000	2.70	1000	2.72½	1000	*2.70
	5000	2.72½				
Ziangbe			800	42.00	100	42.50
	400	42.75	200	42.75		
	†500	42.75	200	43.00	200	42.75
	200	43.00				
Fonciere & Immob.					100	*275.00
Telephone 6% Debs.					65000	*95.50
Ayer Tawah					†1000	11.50
Cathay Land					†1000	4.70
Caldbeck Macg (Ord)					†200	22.00
Union Ins.			†50	Hk$485.00	50	*485.00

ODD LOTS

Pahang					500	8.95
Bute					400	14.10
	†250	14.40				
China Realty			248	9.65	187	9.70
	†155	9.70	88	9.95		
Int. Assurance					100	16.40
Ewo Mills (Ord)			12	38.25	70	39.00
	†12	37.50	50	38.25		
S'hai Land			100	19.00	200	*19.20
S'hai Loan					100	22.00
	†200	*22.00				
Hall & Holtz					26	25.00
Senawang					600	*3.32½
	†500	3.45	150	*3.40		
C. G. Omnibus			50	34.25	42	32.75
Metro Land					100	15.60
S. W. W. "A" £20					2	1,065.00
I. I. Trust					100	24.75
	†300	*23.75	250	*23.75	200	24.50
Cheng					500	1.40
Exploration					200	12.80
	†100	12.80	200	13.10	100	*12.70
Padang					750	4.85
Telephone					40	32.00
Wheelock					†50	98.50
Int. Assurance					†227	16.60
Permata			†500	2.92½	350	2.82½
Samagaga			†300	3.07½	212	3.07½
S'hai Gas					†50	22.25
Yangtsze					†200	*19.10
Tebong					†428	2.70
Kroewoek					†200	*4.50
Chemor					†400	4.95

*—Direct Business.

†—Afternoon Business.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 19.

Another trendless and uninteresting session was witnessed on the New York Stock Exchange today, with the market finishing fractionally lower.

The British announcement of the mobilization of American securities did not materially affect the market either way, and specialties were once again in the spotlight.

Trading was largely a professional affair, with outside participation very limited. Most operators were watching and awaiting incentives.

The turnover today amounted to 630,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	148.95	147.93	148.46	—0.26
20 Rails	31.03	30.85	30.90	—0.04
15 Utilities	25.06	24.88	24.96	—0.03
40 Bonds	—	—	89.17	—0.15
11 Commod.	—	—	59.59	+0.06

Feb.	17	19	Feb.	17	19
Adams Exp	7⅞	7⅝	Jones & L	61½	*60¾
Alg Lud	22⅛	22⅜	Kennecott	36½	36⅝
Alld Stores	9	8⅞	Lak F & M	*4	4
Allis Chal	37¾	37¼	Libbey O F	50⅞	50¾
Alum Ld	95	*95	Lockheed	30⅝	30¾
Amer Can	115¾	115½	Loew's	36⅝	36¼
Am Cyan B	35⅝	36	Mack Trks	25¼	25
Am For Pr	1⅝	1⅝	Martin G	41	41
„ $7 pfd	25½	25½	Mck & R	*24⅛	*25
Am G & E	35⅛	34⅞	Monsanto	110	109¼
Am Loco	19¼	19¼	Mont Ward	54	54
Am Metal	*24¼	†24¼	Nat Avian	*12¼	12⅜
Am Radtr	9¾	9½	Nat City B	*29¼	29¼
Am R Mill	15¼	15	Nat Dairy	17	16⅞
Am Smltg	50¾	50¾	Nat Dist	24½	24½
Am Sug R	21½	21¾	Nat Gyp	*11⅝	11⅜
Am T & T	171⅝	171⅞	Nat Lead	20¾	20¾
Am Tob B	90	90⅜	Nat P & L	7⅛	7⅛
Am Wtrwks	10	9¾	Nat Steel	69	68¾
Anaconda	29⅛	29¼	Nat Supply	9	8⅞
Atchison	23¾	23⅜	Nat Supply	9	8⅛
Auburn	1¾	1¾	N Y Cent	17	16⅝
Bald Loco	15¾	15⅝	Niag Hud	5⅛	5⅛
Baltimore	5½	5½	N A Avian	24¾	24¼
Barber	15¾	15¼	N Am Co	21⅞	22
Barns Oil	11¾	11⅝	N Pacific	8⅝	8⅜
Bendix	31⅜	31⅛	O I Glass	63	63
Beth Steel	78⅛	78	Pac G & E	34½	34½
Bliss	14	13¾	Pac Light	47½	47½
Boeing	24	23¾	Packard	3½	3½
Borg Warn	23¼	23	Paramount	7⅞	8⅛
Brid Brass	11⅛	11⅜	Penn R R	22⅝	22½
Briggs Mfg	21⅜	20¾	Phelps D	38½	38⅝
Bkn M Tr	19⅜	19⅝	P & R Coal	*0⅝	*0⅝
„ $6 pfd	76⅛	81½	Phil Pet	39⅛	39½
Budd Mfg	5½	5⅝	Pitt C & I	*7	*7
Can Pac	5	5	P S Of N J	41½	41½
Case J.I.	*69¼	*68¼	Pullman	27⅞	27½
Celanese	29⅛	29½	Pure Oil	8¼	8½
Chase N B	*35	35	Radio	5¾	5⅝
Ches & O	40⅞	40¼	Reading	16	16
Chrysler	85¼	85¼	„ 1st pfd	*26	26½
Clim Mlyb	38½	38⅞	Rem Arms	*4½	*4⅝
Colt's	78½	*79	Rep Avian	6⅛	6
Col G & E	6⅛	6⅛	Rep Steel	21	20½
„ 6% pfd	88¼	88	Rev C & B	13	13¼
Com. Cred	46¾	46¾	Rey Tob B	40⅞	40¾
Com & Sth	1⅛	1⅛	Richfield	*7	7
Cons Edis	32	32	Safeway	50	49¾
Cons Oil	7¼	7¼	Schenlay	*12¼	12¼
Cont Can	46¾	47	Sears Roeb	83⅞	83⅜
Cont Oil	24½	24½	Shell U Oil	11½	11½
Copwld St	16	15⅝	Soc Vac	11⅝	11⅝
Corn Prod	65	64⅝	Sthrn Pac	13⅜	13½
Curtis Wr	10⅜	10¼	Sthrn Rly	29¾	29
„ A	29½	29⅜	Sperry	45½	45¼
Deere & Co	21⅜	21⅜	Spicer	*31¾	*31½
Dist Cpn S	19¼	19	Std Brands	7	7⅛
Douglas	82½	82¾	Std G & E	1¾	2
Du Pont	184⅜	184⅛	Std Oil C	24½	24⅛
E P Lead	10⅞	*10⅞	Std Oil N J	44⅝	44¾
Eaton Mfg	31¼	31½	Stone & W	10⅜	10¼
Elc A Lite	36¾	37⅜	Studebaker	12½	11⅞
Elec B & S	7⅜	7¼	Swift Int	*31¼	31¼
„ $5 pfd	58	57½	Technicor	15½	15¼
„ $6 pfd	*65⅛	65½	Tex Corp.	44¼	44
E P & Lt	30¼	*29⅜	Tex Gulf	35	34¾
Fisk Rub	15⅛	15⅛	Timken	22¼	22
Flintkote	19⅞	19⅞	Transamer	5¾	5½
Gen Am Tr	54½	55¼	Tw Cent F	12	12¼
Gen Elec	38⅜	38½	„ pfd	*23¾	*23¾
Gen Motor	53⅜	53	Un Carbide	84½	84¾
Gen Rly	*16¾	*16¾	Un Pacific	93⅛	93¾
Gen T & R	22	21½	Un Aircraft	47⅞	47⅝
Glidden	18	17⅞	Un Air L	15⅜	16⅛
Goodrich	18⅝	18¾	Un. Cropn	2¼	2¼
„ $5 pfd	*64	*64½	„ $3 pfd	40¾	41
Goodyear	24¾	24⅛	Un Gas	1½	1½
Gt N I Ore	14	13¾	Un Gas Imp	14½	14⅝
Gt N Rly	24	23⅝	U S Ind Al	21½	21⅛
Gt W Sug	*27½	*27½	U S Rubber	37⅞	37¼
Greyhound	16⅝	16⅝	„ 8% pfd	112	112¼
Her Pow	*89	89¼	U S Steel	58⅝	58
Homestake	57	55½	Vanadium	33½	33¾
Int Harv	56¾	56⅜	Walworth	5⅝	5½
Int Nickel	37⅜	37⅜	War Br Pic	4⅛	4¼
Int T & T	*4	4	West Elec	113¼	113⅝
Int T & T	*4	4	Woodward	24⅝	24½
Johns Man	72½	71⅞			

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62¾	63
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	27¼	27
Brazil (U.S. of) 8%	21	21⅛
„ „ 6½%	B 16½	16¾
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	86½	86½
Erie R.R.	14½	14½
Int. Tel. & Tel.	43¾	43½
New England Gas & Elec.	68½	68⅜
Republic of Colombia	33½	32¼
„ „ (1928)	33¼	32¼
Sthrn. Pacific Co. 4½s	47	B46
Stand. Gas & Elec.	63¾	B63¼

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

No definite trend developed today, although specialties continued to be in demand. Apparently Britain's mobilization of American security holdings has not affected the market, while traders generally regarded the move as constructive since it ensures orderly disposal of affected issues, which would usually encounter thin markets. In this connection, some of the affected issues firmed up today. Steel operations declined for the sixth consecutive time, although the drop was less than expectations. Most activity was concentrated on low-priced issues and also in local traction preferreds, including Brook-Manhattan Transit which was listed at 81½, up 5⅜. Bethlehem Steel gained slightly, while U.S. Steel and General Motors showed fractional declines.

Stocks: Drifted narrowly with a firm undertone, unaffected by the British Government's acquisition of certain American stockholdings of British subjects, but the lack of details prevents an intelligent appraisal of the probable future effect.

STATISTICS

	Week Commencing 19/2	13/2
Steel Mill Activity (Amer. Irons and Steel Inst. estimate)	67.1	68.8
(percent of capacity)		

Dividends: Du Pont de Nemours $1.75.

Cotton: Improving moisture situation, further curtailment talk, stiffening insurance tendency and a slow textile demand were features in a quiet and easy market.

Wheat: The Argentine weakness on increasing freights and heavy snows in the south-west eliminated the early advance. However, the market behaved steadily on reactions. Purchases on sizeable reactions are only advisable. The flour subsidy to the Philippines becomes effective on March 6. The visible decrease is placed at 2,174,000 bushels.

Corn: The visible decrease is estimated at 411,000 bushels.

Rubber: Trading was featureless, with operators awaiting the quota meeting.

Hides: There was heavy Argentine spot sales abroad and hedge covering here. However, no pressure on spots and futures was noted.

Cocoa: Ruled barely steady. Little change is probable pending March liquidation.

Copper: Large sales of scrap at ¼ cent advance were reflected in futures, which are construed as pointing higher.

Sugar No. 4: Quiet but steady conditions prevailed.

By Courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

Trader continues to be sanguine, despite poor leadership and the failure of the market to follow up the previous week's rise, and despite such negative factors as declining profit margins in oils, textiles and farm equipments, the current sharp slump in electrical equipment bookings and a drop in January farm equipment sales.

A recovery, of which the revival in copper buying may be symptomatic, could occur if we get a definite uptrend in new orders, for this would correct inventory dislocations. Any sustained strength in commodities would be a Spring augury. Until such evidence is apparent, the market is still in a critical period for the next few weeks.

Steel operations will decline unless the gap between orders and shipments narrows.

Dealers' stocks of new automobiles are rising, despite good sales, and threaten to reach 500,000 units by the Spring and force a reduction of output in the second quarter.

The acid test of the market will come in the ability of popular issues to move forward after the receipt of good news.

An upturn in dynamic issues would suggest a forthcoming business improvement.

U. S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 19.

The cotton market early declined on liquidation, trade and foreign selling and realizing. Later, prices further eased in New Orleans and stop-loss selling. Finally, the market partially rallied on shorts covering and finished steady, with quotations ranging from unchanged to 4 points down.

Prices in the rubber market today opened higher on better cables, a scarcity of sellers and trade and factory absorption. Later, profit taking and switching pared earlier gains. At the close, quotations ranged from 5 points up to 9 points down.

Wheat futures in Chicago today early declined on liquidation and unencouraging Winnipeg advices. Later, the market moderately rallied on shorts covering, a good export demand and miller and spot houses buying. At the final bell, quotations ranged from ⅜ down to ⅛ cent up.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Mar.	11.03-03	unc.			
May	10.77-77	—01			
July	10.36-36	—02			
July (N.C.)	10.50 N	—03	Mar.	19.00-00	—09
			May	18.55-55	—01
Oct. (N.C.)	9.73-73	—01	July	18.30-31	+05
			Sept.	18.05 N	+03
Dec. (N.C.)	9.62-62	—02			
Jan. (N.C.)	9.58 N	—04			

N. Y. Sugar No. 3			N. Y. Sugar No. 4		
Mar.	1.84-85 B/A	unc.	Mar.	1.56-56½ B/A	unc
May	1.91-92 B/A	—1	May	1.57-57½ B/A	+1
Sept.	2.02-03 B/A	—1	Sept.	1.56-56½ B/A	unc.

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	102¾-102½	—⅜	May	56⅝-56¾	+⅛
July	100⅞-100¾	—⅛			

Winnipeg Wheat			N. Y. Silk No. 1		
May	88 B	—⅛	Mar.	$2.98-98½	+12

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 19.

After being steady, the London rubber market ruled firm for nears on trade demand and the scarcity of sellers.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 13¼ +¼; sellers 13⅜ +¼; March delivery, buyers 13¼ +¼; sellers 13⅜ +¼;

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 7.79 —14; May 7.84 —13; July 7.85 —13; Sept. 7.77 —12; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract:—Mar. 10.25 —9; May 10.42 —10; July 10.51 —10; Sept. 10.53 —10;

METALS

London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £242¼ +1¼; 3 mths sellers £242¼ +1½; Tin, Straits, £267¼ +1¼; Antimony, China Regulus, c.i.f. per ton £70 to £75 Nominal, unchanged.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in carload lots (25 tons), f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16½ cents per lb., unchanged. Tin, Straits, c.i.f. New York (25 ton lots), 45¼ cents per lb., unchanged. Copper, Electrolytic, first hand, 11¼ cents per lb., unchanged.—Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)		$49.80
Cotton yarn 20's, D.H. per bale		$845.00
Tungchow cotton ... per picul		198.00
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)		$27.50
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)		10.00
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)		15.00
		picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B	13/15	$5,350
„ „	20/22	5,000
„ „	20/22 78%	5,100.

New York Market Unchanged

New York, Feb. 19.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange remained virtually unchanged today. The British mobilization of private holdings of certain American stocks had no apparent effect on the market.

Wall Street observers generally viewed as "constructive" the British order mobilizing the private holdings of 60 American securities. Some asserted that it might have definite bullish implications—that it might indicate Britain is contemplating large scale purchases in the United States, and thus is anxious to enlarge her huge credit reservoir here.

The majority of experts, however, believed the action would have little immediate effect on the local market.

Meanwhile, as the market entered the last half of February Wall Street was trying to talk up a recovery in prices and a broader, more active market. Unconfirmed rumors circulated here today that war orders were larger than actual indications revealed—that the Allies have placed orders with the stipulation of secrecy.

Prices developed no definite trend during today's session, although specials continued in demand. Traders generally viewed the British move as beneficial to the United States market. They felt it would ensure an orderly disposal of issues involved.

The market opened narrowly and mixed today. Trading slipped off slightly after a few hours but developed mild rallying tendencies before the close. Most activity continued to center around low priced issues.—United Press.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Feb. 19.

The Bourse opened firm in French issues and weak in internationals today. During the session, heavy purchases caused French stocks to spurt, while foreign issues remained steady. Closing prices were firm.—Havas.

Price Raise of Three Non-Ferrous Metals

Copper, Lead, Spelter Now Nearer World Prices

The British Ministry of Supply on December 18, raised the official maximum prices for the three non-ferrous metals, copper, lead and spelter, to a level much nearer the world price than has existed since the war began. They also altered the basis of the quotations, so that the rise is not quite so great as appears, states The "Daily Telegraph."

Copper is now £62 a ton delivered, against £51 a ton c.i.f., lead £21 a ton duty paid and delivered, against £17 5s, ex-warehouse duty for buyers' account, and spelter £25 15s duty paid delivered, against £15 12s 6d ex-warehouse for buyers' account. The reason for altering the basis of quotations is that the consumer now has no control over the port at which his metal arrives. Thus, two London consumers of copper might buy from the Control at the fixed price. One might find that his copper arrived at the Port of London, costing 10s a ton to deliver to his works, and the other might hear that his copper had been unloaded in Glasgow and would cost £2 10s a ton for freight. It is simpler and fairer for the Control to quote a price which evens out these differences.

Reasons for the Rise

It must not be assumed that the producers of copper, lead and spelter within the Empire who have sold their metal on long-term contracts at lower prices to the Government are going to receive the benefit of the higher prices which the Metal Control will now have to charge to consumers. Equally, the marked impression that the Control has built up a large stock and that a huge profit is going to accrue to the Government by raising the price must be treated with scepticism.

The immediate reasons for raising the prices are:

The necessity for including the cost of transport from the United Kingdom port to the consumer's warehouse;

The costs the Control has to bear for freights and war risk insurance compel the Controller to build up a substantial reserve fund; and

Contracts with producers mainly include "cost" clauses, which compel the Control to make up additional production costs caused, for example, by higher wages.

These causes together do not completely cover the advance in price now announced. It must be assumed that the Government will make a profit, and that it will do so for the more general reason that it is undesirable to keep the British price of an article of international commerce much below the world price. To do so involves trade difficulties and possibly wastage. The £51 price for copper, for instance, acted as a disguised subsidy to the exports of British manufactures containing copper. That might be a necessary means of sustaining export trade, but it might equally be the cause of unnecessary profits to intermediaries or unnecessarily low export prices and a consequent wastage of foreign exchange.

A Surprise

The new scale of prices was doubtless a surprise to those producers of non-ferrous metals who had agreed to sell their produce on favourable terms to the British Government. There is, however, no present intention of varying those contracts except to the extent which the "cost" clauses justifies.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 20.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.185		.185	
Antamok	.16		.16	
Baguio Gold	.225		.225	
Batong Buhay	.014	S	.014	S
Benguet Consolidated	5.60	*	—	
Big Wedge	.21	E	.21	S
Coco Grove	.14		.14	
Consolidated Mines	.0035	S	.0035	S
Demonstration	.12	S	.12	S
East Mindanao	.10		.10	
I. X. L.	.37	S	.37	S
Ipo Gold	.115		.115	
Itogon	.28	S	.275	S
Mambulao Consolidated	.016	S	.016	S
Masbate Consolidated	.105	S	.105	S
Mine Operations	.10		.10	
North Camarines	.10	S	.10	S
Paracale Gumaus	.22		.22	
San Mauricio	.82		.83	S
Surigao Consolidated	.175	S	.17	S
Suyoc	.125		.125	
Syndicate Investment	.024		.024	
United Paracale	.295	S	.295	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.10	S	.10	S

*—Over counter.

S—Sales.

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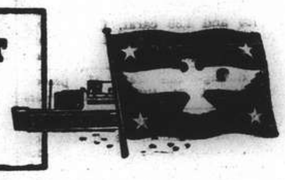

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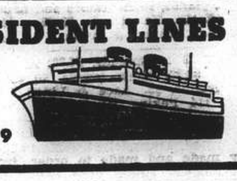

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DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

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Marin Sanudo	29/12	12/3	Ruys	17/2	24/2
From TRIESTE			**From SOERABAYA**		
C. Rosso	9/2	7/3	Tjinegara	9/2	26/2
Monte Piana	20/1	9/3	**From MANILA**		
Carignano	15/1	22/4	P. Pierce	19/2	27/2
From PORT SAID			**From HONGKONG**		
C. Rosso	13/2	7/3	See "China Ports" below		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From PORTLAND		
Sophocles	24/12	22/2	Canton	27/1	4/3
Ivaran	—	25/2	**From HONOLULU**		
Laura Maersk	10/1	25/2	P. Coolidge	14/2	2/3
Sorholt	30/12	7/3	Kamakura	19/2	9/3
N. Maersk	24/1	11/3	**From YOKOHAMA**		
S. Navigator	—	12/3	Tatuta M.	20/2	24/2
P. Maersk	9/2	25/3	Laura Maersk	20/2	25/2
From PANAMA			**From KOBE**		
P. Maersk	19/2	25/3	Sophocles	11/2	22/2
From LOS ANGELES			**From NAGASAKI**		
Tatuta M.	15/1	24/2	Shanghai M.	21/2	22/2
P. Coolidge	5/2	2/3	**From KEELUNG**		
Sorholt	18/1	7/3	Hukuken M.	24/2	26/2
Kamakura M.	12/2	9/3			
N. Maersk	15/2	11/3			
From SEATTLE					
Satartia	—	22/2			
Coldbrook	15/2	7/3			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From DURBAN		
Boissevain	14/2	23/3	Boissevain	20/2	23/3
Ruys	17/1	24/2			

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Tsingtao M.	21/2	23/2	Tjinegara	21/2	26/2

WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1940 (14th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI Feb. 19 16.00	Feb. 19 21.00	Feb. 20 4.00	Feb. 20 9.00
Barometer inches	30.19	30.24	30.34	30.42
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.05	—0.01	+0.15	+0.20
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	0.00	+0.02	+0.15	+0.18
Wind (direction)	NNW	NW/N	NNE	N
" (miles per hour)	7.4	6.2	12.4	7.4
Temperature (Fahr.)	52.5°	49.8°	43.5°	42.5°
Humidity %	88	92	93	93
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	0.00	0.05	0.13

Siccawei Abridged Report February 19	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.21	—0.10	30.25
Temp. Min. 46.°0 Max. 59.°7	52.°9	+5.°2	40.°5
Total rainfall January to 1 midnight before last (inches)	4.66	—	35.0

Time and Tide	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	6.31	6.30	6.29	6.28	6.27
Sun sets at Shanghai....	17.46	17.47	17.48	17.48	17.48
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	15.30	16.38	17.47	18.56	20.04
Moon sets at Shanghai..	4.19	5.09	5.56	6.40	7.24
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	8.26	9.34	10.30	11.13	12.11
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	14.08	14.50	15.30	16.15	16.58
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	10.52	11.34	12.21	12.55	13.41
Ht. above LLW. (feet) ..	8.88	7.59	8.42	9.80	9.92

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B. I.
and
E. & A.
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Of special interest to shoppers, our Saturday's page provides a wealth of information as to where to shop with facility and economy. It also gives valuable information in its news columns of the subject advertised. Read the Special page every Saturday. It will profit you.

VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL		**For NEW YORK**	
Husimi Maru	7/3	Ivaran	27/2
Hakusan Maru	21/3	Torrens	29/2
For GENOA		A. Maersk	3/3
		Azuma Maru	13/3
C. B'camano	25/2	Sophocles	16/3
Marin Sanudo	18/3	Tosan Maru	24/3
For TRIESTE		**For SAN FRANCISCO**	
Monte Piana	12/3	P. Pierce	28/2
For BOMBAY		Tatuta Maru	2/3
		Canton	8/3
Lima Maru	24/2	P. Coolidge	15/3
Tusima Maru	1/3	Kamakura Maru	16/3
For CAPETOWN		**For SEATTLE**	
		Satartia	24/2
Ruys	27/2	Coldbrook	9/3
Boissevain	25/3	**For YOKOHAMA**	
For JAVA		Haruna Maru	27/2
Tijisadane	22/2	**For KOBE**	
Tjinegara	29/2	Taiyo Maru	22/2
For SINGAPORE		Kasima Maru	8/3
Genoa Maru	23/2	**For NAGASAKI**	
For HONGKONG		Shanghai Maru	23/2
Tatuta Maru	25/2	Shanghai Maru	28/2
Kamakura Maru	10/3	**For DAIREN**	
For MANILA		Hoten Maru	23/2
Sophocles	23/2	Tsingtao Maru	25/2
Laura Maersk	26/2	Dairen Maru	28/2
P. Coolidge	3/3	Hoten Maru	2/3
N. Maersk	13/3	Tsingtao Maru	4/3
Sophocles	15/3	Dairen Maru	7/3

VESSELS LEAVING

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TJISADANE Feb. 22. AMOY, HONGKONG, MUNTOK and JAVA PORTS.—The J.C.J.L. m.s. Tjisadane sails from Shanghai on Thursday, February 22, taking cargo to Hongkong, Muntok and Java Ports. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European and Australian Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 21-2

TJINEGARA Feb. 29. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, ILO ILO, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. Tjinegara sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, February 29, taking cargo to Philippine Islands, Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 28-2

AMERICA

TORRENS Feb. 28. For LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL.—Barber-Wilhelmsen Line motor vessel Torrens sails from Shanghai on February 28, accepting cargo for all Overland Points. Dodwell and Company, Limited. Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 28-2

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

RUYS Feb. 27. FOR MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Ruys sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, February 27. Cargo accepted for all ports in South & East Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 27-2

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge, Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

WEDNESDAY, February 21.		Reg.	Ord.
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai		*20.00	7.15
Chefoo		*20.00	7.15
Hongkong and Haiphong		11.00	11.30
Indo-China (Z) via Haiphong	A	—	—
Japan via Kobe		16.00	16.30
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, February 22.			
Hongkong and Haiphong		*20.00	8.00
Aust. N.Z. and Java Ports		8.15	9.00
Amoy Hongkong and Canton		8.30	9.00
Minhow Foochow via Sankiangkow	X	9.30	10.00
Amoy Swatow and Canton	X	9.30	10.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai		10.30	11.00
Nantung		14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao		18.30	19.00
FRIDAY, February 23.			
Japan and Korea via Nagasaki		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 21st.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.
Next parcel mail for U.S.A. closes on February 27.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on February 22, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due London on March 6.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on February 24, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on March 5.
Air France per steamer on February 24, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00 at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow for Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.
Ningsia, Shensi, Szechuen, Yunnan Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west to Hongkong for the Hongkong-Chungking plane.
Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tatung, Kalgan, Shanhaikwan, Tsingtao, Tungshan, Shihkiachwang, Chengte, Kaifeng, Taiyuan and Yuncheng by the planes of the Chung Hwa Air Transport Co. daily at 9.30 p.m.

Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia are despatched on every Tuesday and Friday per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Suez, Feb. 24, due L'don Mar. 27.
Per steamer via Suez, Feb. 27, due L'don April 2.
Per steamer via Pacific, Feb. 27, due L'don April 2.

PASSENGER LISTS

ARRIVALS

Feb. 19, from Chinwangtao: Mr. Spielman, Mr. Myers.

Feb. 20, from Chinwangtao: Mr. & Mrs. Raife.

DEPARTURES

Per President Garfield, Feb. 20, for Hongkong: Mr. Monte V. E. Liang, Miss Leung Muen Ting, Mr. A. H. Kellaway, Mr. S. Takahama, Mr. W. M. Chang, Mr. F. S. Chien, Mrs. Monte V. E. Liang, Mr. E. S. Pan, Mrs. A. H. Kellaway, Mr. C. L. Shappee, Mr. Li Hung Chun, Mr. J. Chang, Master Leung Ho-Yu, Mr. R. Louche, Miss B. G. Coyle, Mr. Leung Chung Wah, Mr. S. T. Chang, for Manila: Mrs. Caroline Klamicer, Mr. N. A. Meurer, Miss Donis Jones, Mr. C. Villasin, Mr. T. Terhenne, Mr. Lim Ah Bock, Mrs. Mack Donald Jones, for Singapore: Mr. G. L. Wilson, Mrs. G. L. Wilson, for Genoa: Mr. W. Napier, Mrs. W. Napier.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Hellenic Trader	Samrinda	Ch. Hellenic
Taiyo M.	Japan	T.K.K.
Kenjo M.	Osaka	Y.K.K.
Syozin M.	Japan	Showa S.S.
Peihua	Tientsin	K.U.K.
Tailco M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Remo	Sungmen	V. Chieri
Heini	Sungmen	G.F.E.
Indira	Sankiangkow	T.C.C.
U.S.S. Luzon	Cruise	—
Isuzu M.	—	D.K.K.K.
Whakou	Hsinkong	Kiang An
Hungyun M.	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Chekiang M.	Tsingming	T.K.K.
Sandro Sandri	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Lipari	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
Karsten	T'lungkong	Chin Dah

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Nantung M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Fernplant	Nor.	O. Thoresen
Dairen M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tyosa M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
H. Tseangtah	Br.	T.C.C.
Com. Paolini	Ital.	I.C.R.N.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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SHANGHAI MARU	Feb. 27	Feb. 28 at 9 a.m.

Kobe Express Service

TAIYO MARU	Feb. 19 (Wayside Wharf)	Feb. 22 at 6 a.m. (Wayside Wharf)

(Passengers are cordially requested to go on board between 7 and 11 p.m. of the 21st)

KASIMA MARU	Mar. 1 (Wayside Wharf)	Mar. 8 (Wayside Wharf)

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For New York via Los Angeles	
TOSAN MARU	Mar. 24
Kobe Sailings	
For South America via Panama	
BUENOS AIRES MARU	Apr. 1
For South America via S. Africa	
ARGENTINA MARU	Mar. 15
For South America via S. & E. Africa	
ARABIA MARU	Mar. 24
For Bombay	
HIMALAYA MARU	Mar. 11
For Calcutta	
HAMBURG MARU	Mar. 12

Nagasaki Sailings	
For Manila, Cebu and Davao	
TAKAO MARU	Mar. 8
GANGES MARU	Mar. 8
Keelung Sailings	
For Haiphong, Saigon and Bangkok	
SAIGON MARU	Apr. 3
Kobe Sailings	
For Australia and New Zealand	
*SYDNEY MARU	Feb. 29
For West Africa	
TOA MARU	Mar. 1
SEIA MARU	Apr. 25

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Japan to Conscript Labour

Nearly All Males Must Work In War Industries; Labour Shortage Reported

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Drastic regulations will be enforced next month to divert practically all young male Japanese workers into wartime industries or firms engaged in trade directly linked to wartime industries or the manufacture of essential goods. The regulation aims to remedy Japan's present shortage of labour.

The new rules will provide that owners of concerns engaged in the manufacture of non-essential goods or in peace-time industries will have no right to hire youths or juveniles between the ages of 12 and 30 until the number of employees in their firms at present has been decreased 30 per cent.

All firms engaged in other than war commerce therefore will have to reduce their staff of male workers progressively. Exceptions will be made, however, for graduates of universities and other specific institutions who will be permitted to offer their services to any firm or industry without restriction.

Girls Also Affected

The law also will be applied to the employment of girls and young women between the ages of 12 and 20. Restaurants, bars, cafes, tea rooms, billiard rooms and similar establishments therefore will suffer a hard blow. Theatres will have to do with fewer—or older—girls.

Geishas will suffer, too, and the recent boom is likely to come to an abrupt end. Proprietors of geisha-houses will be unable to engage young girls of 13 and 14, as they did in the past, in order to train them.

The 116 industries classified under the heading "wartime industries," will enjoy complete freedom in employing male workers from the tender age of 12.—Havas.

German Sailors Killed in Altmark Affair Buried

Wreaths from Hitler and German Navy Placed

Oslo, Feb. 20.

Six German seamen from the Altmark, who were killed in the fight at Joessing Fjord against British bluejackets, were buried yesterday at Sogndal, which is a small neighbouring village.

The German Minister to Norway and other German officials, with part of the Altmark's crew, stood at attention while the coffins were brought ashore. A detachment from a Norwegian warship paraded on shore, and over 70 motor-cars followed the coffins to Sogndal.

The vicar of the German church at Oslo officiated at the funeral, and short speeches were made by the German Minister, the captain of the Altmark, and a captain of the Norwegian Navy. The Norwegian captain placed a wreath with the Norwegian colours on the grave. Wreaths were also placed on behalf of Herr Hitler and the German Navy.

The captain of the Altmark today denied all reports of ill-treatment of British prisoners on board his ship, declaring that before leaving, many of them thanked him for their good treatment.—Reuter.

Mr. Young Handed Over To Court

Indictment If Procurator Finds Evidence

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Mr. James R. Young, Far Eastern Manager of International News Service and the King Feature Service, was handed over by the police today to the office of the Procurator of the Tokyo District Court charged with violation of the Military Penal Code.

Arrested on January 21 at the Imperial Hotel, where he maintained an office, Mr. Young has since been detained for questioning at the Marunouchi Police Station. A formal indictment will now be filed by the Procurator should he find sufficient evidence for such action.

Mr. Young is specifically charged with having violated Article 99 of the Military Penal Code which provides that a person who fabricates and distributes rumours pertaining to military affairs in time of war or emergency shall be liable to three years' imprisonment.

The Military Penal Code is applicable to Mr. Young under Article 2 of the same statute making its provisions applicable to civilians in a number of specified cases. Article 3 of the same code provides that Article 2 shall also be applicable when the crime is committed outside the boundaries of the Japanese Empire. The Code was promulgated on April 10, 1908.—Domei.

Disastrous Fire at Chengtu University

Medical and Dental Depts, Chief Sufferers

Chengtu, Feb. 20.

A disastrous fire broke out yesterday morning at the medical and dental buildings of the West China University. The heaviest loss was suffered by Dr. Harry Williams of the pathological department, whose fine personal library of pathological specimens, representing a year's work, was completely destroyed. He also lost many valuable instruments.

A serious loss was the destruction of the supply room of the dental clinic, which supplies both the University and city clinics.

General Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, in their recent visit to Chengtu, received treatment at the University dental clinic.

The fire started in an annex occupied by the Central University dental department, which lost all their equipment. The city fire department, medical and dental students and the faculty all helped to put out the fire.—Reuter.

Tomb of Old Egyptian King Discovered

Cairo, Feb. 20.

Professor Montet, of Strasbourg University, who last March found the 2,800-year-old tomb of King Shishak, has now discovered on the same site the intact bomb of King Psusennes of the 21st dynasty, who is believed to have been the father-in-law of King Solomon. Valuable gold objects have been found in the tomb.—Reuter.

Japanese Staple Fibre Criticized

Government May Allow Larger Cotton Percentage

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

As public clamor against the poor wearing qualities of staple fibre fabrics mounted, the Government today had indicated that it intended to reduce the compulsory use of the cotton substitute in textiles.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry already has issued instructions to manufacturers to mix cotton with staple fibre in the making of socks and stockings, baby clothing and Japanese split-toe socks.

Mr. Ryogoro Kato, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Commerce and Industry, yesterday informed a budgetary sub-committee, of the Lower House that the Government intended to cut down the use of staple fibre as far as Japan's international finances would allow. He further indicated that a mixture of 30 per cent. cotton and 70 per cent. staple fibre would cost Japan only about Y15,000,000 to Y16,000,000 a year, or one tenth of her total favourable balance in cotton textile exports against raw cotton imports from abroad during 1939.

Against raw cotton imports valued at Y470,000,000 from countries outside the yen-bloc during last year, Japan exported Y630,000,000 worth of cotton textiles, after cotton goods for military and other authorized uses had been deducted, Mr. Kato said.

Japanese cotton exports showed a Y40,000,000 increase as compared to the preceding year, he added. "I think we can safely except this year an increase of Y60,000,000 as compared to 1939," Mr. Kato remarked. Textiles manufactured with a mixture of 70 per cent. cotton and 30 and per cent. staple fibre would be as tough as pure cotton fabrics, Mr. Kato asserted.—Domei.

New China to Be Given Navy

Water Police to Form Basis Of Fleet

Nanking, Feb. 20.

Forming the nucleus of a Chinese Navy-to-be, the Water Police Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security will be handed over by the Reformed Government to the proposed new central administration under Mr. Wang Ching-wei, it was indicated here today.

The Bureau, which maintains an operations base here, is to open bases at Chinkiang and at Kiangyin on the Yangtze in March. In April, its present strength of two torpedo boats, the Hai Yuan and Hai Tsing, and two armed launches, the Kiang Yuan and the Kiang Tsing, will be augmented by seven specially designed armed launches and a 1,000-ton gunboat.

Forces known as the Shanghai Water Police, with headquarters at Minghong, on the Whangpoo, and the Lake Tai Water Police, with headquarters at Wusih, will also be established soon.

The Bureau also maintains the Water Police School at Lunghwa, with an enrollment of 600 men in various courses. Rear-Admiral Hsu Chein-ting is in command of the Bureau.—Domei.

C.M.A. Biennial Conference

To Be Held at Kunming From April 2 to 5; Effect of War

The fifth biennial conference of the Chinese Medical Association, the only medical organization for the promotion of scientific medicine in China, will take place at Kunming from April 2 to April 5 this year after two years of war in China have played their part in curtailing the efforts of this organization. During the conference members will meet and exchange reports on their experiences during the past two years, and new projects for the advancement of medical work in China will be discussed.

The Chinese Medical Association has a history that dates back fifty years in the chronicles of modern medicine. Its lists comprise to date a total number of four thousand regular members, one fourth of these being of foreign nationality. Besides the main administrative office of the Association which is located in Shanghai, branch associations exist in the various provinces throughout China. According to constitution of the Association, a general conference is to be held every two years in one of the new centres of medical activity.

Owing to the conditions of war prevailing during the past two years, this provision of the constitution could not be put in force. Large groups of the medical profession were during this period busily engaged in active work either for medical relief or for services in the field. Now the administrative board has deemed it wise to call the fifth biennial conference so that the members may meet in order to exchange their reports, to relate their experiences gathered during the past two eventful years, and to propose and discuss new projects for the advancement of medical work in the future.

List of Committees

A preparation committee, consisting of Drs. Tsao Sih Ching, Ching Kwang Hung, Fan Ping Che and H. P. Chu has been formed at the request of the General Secretary of the Association. At a meeting of this committee, held on December 6, 1939, in the office of the C.M.A., King Pih Park, Kunming, it was decided to hold the fifth biennial conference of the C.M.A. at Kunming from April 2 to April 5, 1940.

It is hoped that the members of the C.M.A., whether far or near, will try their best to attend this conference, so that much may be achieved for the promotion of the health of the nation at large and for the benefit of the medical profession in particular.

The list of the committees for the fifth biennial conference as selected by the preparation committee, is as follows:—

Honorary Chairman: Governor Lung Yung.

Honorary Vice-Chairmen: Commissioner Kung Chung Chwen, Mayor Peh Chen Fan.

Chairman: Dr. Ching Kwang Hung, Superintendent, Kun Hua Provincial Hospital.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. C. S. Miao, Vice-Superintendent, Kun Hua Provincial Hospital.

Secretary: Dr. H. P. Chu, Dean, National Medical College of Shanghai.

Chairman, Entertainment Committee: Dr. C. S. Miao, Director, Provincial Health Administration, Yunnan.

Chairman, Living Accommodation Committee: Dr. Fan Ping Che, Dean, Medical College of Yunnan University.

Chairman, Propaganda Committee: Dr. F. F. Tang, Director, National Epidemic Prevention Bureau.

Chairman, Demonstration Committee: Dr. Li Shan Ko, Dean, Medical College of Tung Chi University.

Chairman, Programme Committee: Dr. T. F. Huang, National Medical College of Shanghai.

The following provisional programme has been arranged for the fifth biennial conference of the Chinese Medical Association:

First day—Registration and Reception Meeting.

Second day—Reports and Discussions on Medical Relief Work and Field Services.

Third day—Discussions on Public Health Work.

Fourth day—Discussions on Medical Education.

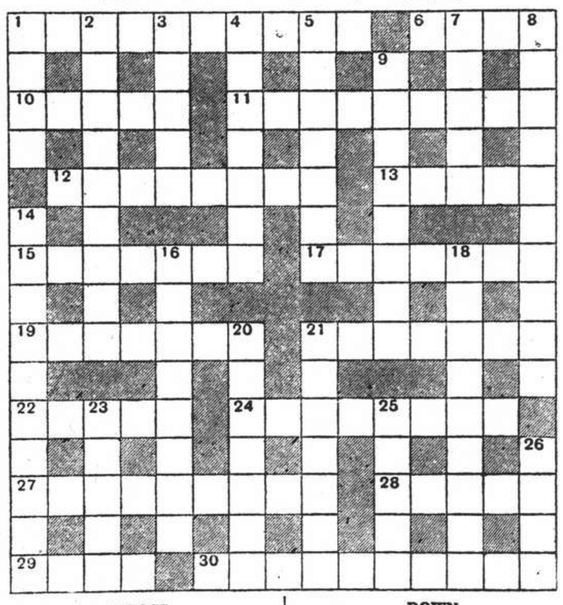
Iran Cabinet Resigns

Baghdad, Feb. 20.

The Iranian Cabinet resigned today and it was expected that a new Cabinet, with Rassin Ali Gailani as Premier, would be formed tonight.—United Press.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 119

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

1 A lady who is always ready to part a fool from his money (two words)
6 Exchange backward parts of cats
10 Musical composition
11 A prime number, this (two words)
12 Defiance of this warning may bring unwonted colour into one's life (two words)
13 In this guise a glee rises to unusual heights
15 This at this beheaded is the lot of some in the engine room
17 If land were aged this country would be pledged
19 One of the sins of omission
21 A foreign capital here mixed in colour
22 Object, but not with real reason
24 The biggest example of this was in Noah's day
27 Helping to swell the ranks
28 Fish, and sing part of the catch
29 To take it may keep a ship off it
30 Thrash lots to make what 'buses make (two words)

DOWN

1 True of someone in a band
2 The sort of death one sometimes feels the errand boy should suffer
3 Wilt
4 This gun is obsolete
5 Several lines of communication
7 Teachers often give a cross indication of this
8 "Rent pig-den" (anag.)
9 One may be taken on this on 27 across
14 Part of the instructions on many a firework (two words)
16 Roll of notions for the unpractical
18 Victim of a joke on a first occasion? (two words)
20 Bath may claim this adjective, sometimes
21 Its release may be the death of someone
23 Part of your car
25 Come and get it!
26 There's a cross sign for it

Y'DAYS' SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Spokesman; 8, Philosophical; 11, Elmo 12, Bigot; 13, Vera; 16, Ironing; 17, Elastic; 18, Corelli; 20, Pasteur; 21, Play; 22, Chirk; 23. Bill; 26, Topographical; 27, Statuette. DOWN: 2, Pelt; 3, Kissing; 4, Suppose; 5, Axis; 6, Rhyme or reason; 7, Parenthetical; 9, Periscope; 10, Barcarole; 14, Field; 15, Daisy; 19, Inherit; 20, Pork-pie; 24, Port; 25, Diet.

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